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Last Barrier To Oil Talks Removed

Teheran, July 31. The last barriers to new British-Persian oil talks were reported cleared away tonight—less than 10 hours after Mr W. Averell Harriman arrived by air from London.

Hussien Fatemi, Persian Deputy Prime Minister, predicted at the end of a meeting of his Cabinet and the Joint Oil Board that the British negotiating committee headed by the Lord Privy Seal Mr Richard Stokes, would arrive in Teheran by the end of this week.

The meeting was held at Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's home this evening. Afterwards the Premier left for Saheb Gharanbeh Palace to have dinner with Mr Harriman and informally talk over final arrangements for the negotiations.

According to an informed source nothing remained but to notify the British that the way is cleared and to fix a time and place for renewing the oil talks stalemated a month and a half ago.

Fatemi told the Associated Press: "We are very optimistic. The Persian government had accepted Mr Stokes as head of the British negotiation delegation."

—Associated Press.

CHIEF OBSTACLE

United Nations, N.Y., July 31.

Top diplomatic sources in close contact with the Iranian oil negotiations said today that the greatest obstacle in the path of acceptance by Iran and Britain of the compromise formula suggested by President Truman's envoy, Mr W. Averell Harriman, was Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's reluctance to agree with the proposal that exploitation of oil be done by a British technical company working under the supervision of the Iranian national oil company.

Diplomats said the Harriman formula called for acceptance by Britain of the principle of nationalisation of the Iranian petroleum industry and creation of a working partnership between the former Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the new Iranian organisation.

Under the plan, as understood here, exploitation of oil would be done by a British technical working company working under charter for the Iranian outfit, while transport, distribution and marketing also would be carried out by the British corporation.

According to diplomats, Dr Mossadegh was prepared to accept British distribution and marketing but was reluctant to endorse the idea that oil production and refining would be carried on by an organised British company. They said Dr Mossadegh preferred that the Iranian hired individual British technicians—presumably all Anglo-Iranian employees who wish to remain—rejecting the idea of a British technical company on the grounds that it would bear too close a resemblance to the dispossessed Anglo-Iranian Company.

COMPROMISE HOPES

Diplomats do not believe, however, that Dr Mossadegh's stand is threatening the success of the negotiations to be resumed soon between Iran and Britain with the expected dispatch of a British Cabinet mission to Teheran. They said some form of compromise was likely to be evolved since both parties obviously want to reach agreement. This belief was based on the assumption that both governments agree on the principle of Iran owning the oil and installations outright and whatever the Anglo-Iranian Company may do it would be in a nominally subsidiary capacity.

Under the Harriman formula, Anglo-Iranian would be paid off for installations and losses suffered through nationalisation by Iran setting aside 25 per cent of the net profits, as offered earlier. There was a possibility of a percentage for another 10 per cent. Anglo-Iranian, through the subsidiary British Tanker Company Ltd. and sales organisations, would also register operational profits. That Mr Harriman's plan called for partnership between Iran and Britain was shown in a speech on Monday by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, in which Mr Morrison said Britain would seek a "kind of working arrangement or partnership in which we supply the knowledge and know-how and with the Persians man-

ing this thing in the interests of all."

It appears now that details of such a partnership, chiefly the status of technicians, would have to be worked out in Teheran between the two governments with Mr Harriman's assistance.—United Press.

MORRISON FOR WASHINGTON

London, July 31.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, will visit Washington early in September for conversations with the US Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and other American officials. It was learned here today. He will stay about a week.

The visit will fall between the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco, due to end on September 8, and the North Atlantic Treaty session of the Council of Ministers on September 16 or 17.

Mr Morrison, it is understood, hopes to discuss the whole range of current foreign affairs problems with Mr Acheson and with the French Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

Within Three Feet Of Death

Amherst, New Hampshire, July 31.

Mrs Earle Setzer, 54, narrowly escaped death when a 100-pound practice bomb dropped by the Air Force plunged through the roof of her house and passed through a bedroom and first floor hallway before burying itself in the ground.

Officials at Grenier Field said the bomb was dropped accidentally by a plane en route to the bombing range at New Boston yesterday. Mrs Setzer said she was within three feet of the spot where the bomb fell.—United Press.

A Welcome Shower



A fine spray from the fire-hose makes four sailors on the deck of the cruiser Euryalus—off Abadan—forget the Persian heat. Shipmates crowd behind, eager for their turn.—London Express Service.

India Wants Peace Treaty Rewritten

Washington, July 31.

Authoritative sources disclosed today that India has asked the United States to rewrite the proposed Japanese peace treaty to legalise the Russian possession of the strategic Kurile Islands off the coast of Asia and of southern Sakhalin.

Indications were that the United States will reject this request along with three others already publicised which were contained in a memorandum handed to the special Presidential representative, Mr John Foster Dulles, on Monday by the Indian Minister, Mr M. K. Kripalani.

The three other requests were: 1. Elimination of a treaty provision for United States trusteeship over the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands. 2. A specific provision for the awarding of Formosa to China. 3. Abandonment of treaty stipulations for American bases on Japanese territory after the treaty.

At present, the treaty merely provides that "Japan renounces all right, title and claim" to the Kuriles and South Sakhalin, but does not say who should have them. While the Russians are actually in possession of the territory, the United States position as outlined some weeks ago by Mr Dulles is that the treaty should not "legalise the claims of countries which have signified their unwillingness to participate in the treaty."—United Press.

Israel Elections

Tel-Aviv, July 31. Official returns tonight in the Israel general elections, which included nearly all the votes, gave Mepal 37.04 per cent and General Zionists 32.37 per cent of the votes.—Reuter.

The Typhoon Expected To By-Pass Hongkong LATEST REPORT

Indications from the latest weather report issued by the Royal Observatory are the typhoon, "Louise," will by-pass the Colony 100 miles south-east this afternoon.

Although the Observatory would not commit themselves, it is believed that the Colony will escape the full force of the hurricane, although at half past twelve it was reported that winds of gale force are expected from the northeast later today, gradually veering to the east, with rain increasing.

Gale force winds have been reported within 150 miles of the centre; the winds close to the centre are unknown.

Maximum gusts of 64 knots were reported at the Observatory at 11.15 this morning. A gust of 53 mph was registered at Kai Tak earlier.

Yesterday afternoon reconnaissance flights were carried out by RAF aircraft from Kai Tak and by an American plane. They located the centre 300 miles south-east of the Colony at 3 p.m.

At 9 a.m. today the centre of the typhoon was about 150 miles south-south-east of the Colony and was moving west-north-west at 10 to 15 knots.

THE TYPHOON'S COURSE The typhoon was first detected to the east of the southern Philippines on July 27.

storm occurred as the outer edge of the typhoon circulated and began to affect the Colony.

Thereafter the winds freshened gradually from the southwest and No. 7 signal (gale expected from the northeast) was hoisted at midnight.

The typhoon continued to move west-north-west at about 11 knots, the centre passing to the south of Prata at 2 a.m. A gale force is determined by an average speed of 30 mph and above.

Hurricane or typhoon winds have a speed of 74 mph and above.

Petsche's Chances Said Slim

Paris, July 31.

M. Maurice Petsche, making his second attempt to form a new French Government, has little chance of success, observers here said today.

M. Petsche continued his separate interviews with anti-communist party leaders, having abandoned the idea of getting all of them together at once.

Tonight the party leaders will tell him whether they will back him in his bid for the Premiership. He will communicate the result to the President of the French Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, either tonight or early tomorrow.

Observers believe that M. Petsche has a chance of uniting the Socialists, Popular Republicans, Radicals and other Centre parties.

Socialist Party leaders, although willing to support him, are reluctant to join his Cabinet. As M. Petsche considers it essential that all non-Communist and non-Gaullist parties should join the Government, his hopes for success are not high.—Reuter.

One Typhoon Victim

Manila, August 1.

The drowning of an 11-year-old boy who was caught by a wave and washed to sea early yesterday at San Fernando, La Union Province, is the only death reported thus far from the typhoon which struck Northern Luzon on Monday.

Ten other persons were injured.

Reports from the Northern Provinces indicated property loss and crop damages will be heavy.—Associated Press.

moved steadily west-north-west crossing north Luzon on July 30 entering the China Sea later that evening. The local typhoon signal No. 1 was hoisted at 10 a.m. on July 31.

Weather in Hongkong remained fine, but sultry until last evening when a thunder-

Pravda Replies To Morrison

London, July 31.

The British Government tonight denounced Russia's lack of basic freedoms in a statement prepared for publication in Pravda, official Soviet Communist Party newspaper. Pravda promised to publish the British views in Moscow on Wednesday. It was scheduled to appear in Pravda alongside a reply by the newspaper.

The statement by Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison was released by the Foreign Office. It was the outgrowth of a challenge by Mr Morrison to Pravda to report statements by Western leaders criticising the Soviet Government. Together, the Morrison and Pravda statements constitute a debate on the democratic way of life and the East-West foreign policy differences.

The Soviet paper challenged the Western world to accept a five-point programme if it really wants peace.

On the other hand, the Foreign Secretary said the Soviet people are unable to travel freely to western countries, the Soviet press and radio concealed many facts and views from the Soviet people and the western radio broadcasts are jammed by the Soviet government.

He said: "There is not that freedom of speech—free access to the knowledge of how the rest of the world likes and thinks which is essential to the understanding of each other."

"DEEPLY MISTAKEN"

Pravda replied that Mr Morrison is "deeply mistaken. In no country is there such freedom of speech, freedom of the press or personal freedom, freedom of organisations for workers, farmers and intellectuals as in the Soviet Union."

Then it added, "In the USSR, the freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of organisation do not exist for the enemies of the people or for landlords and capitalists overthrowing the revolution. Nor do they exist for incorrigible thieves, for subversive agents, terrorists and assassins sent in by foreign secret services."

"All these criminals from landlords and capitalists down to terrorists and thieves, assassins and subversive agents are out to restore capitalism in the USSR, to restore the exploitation of man and breach the country in the blood of workers and farmers. Prisons and labour camps exist for these gentlemen and for them only."

The Communist party newspaper criticised Mr Morrison for not mentioning the freedom from "exploitation" from economic crisis, from unem-

ployment and from poverty. It said that each of these was of greater significance than the freedom of speech and the press.

Pravda denounced the British foreign policy position and that of the Western world in general.

The Soviet publication charged that the Anglo-Americans are "instigators of a new world war." Pravda said there "is not a grain of truth" in Mr Morrison's statement that Britain is interested only in peace and avoiding another war.

FIVE QUESTIONS

The Soviet statement said if the British government is really for the preservation of peace, what about the following five questions:

1. "Why does it reject a five-power peace pact?"
2. "Why does it oppose a reduction of armaments of all great powers?"
3. "Why does it oppose the prohibition of atomic weapons?"
4. "Why does it persecute those who champion the cause of preservation of peace?"
5. "Why does it not ban war propaganda in Britain?"

Mr Morrison issued his challenge to Pravda to print his views in an address on June 13. He said, "I did so because I felt that while our papers were always ready to publish declarations by your leaders, British government spokesmen were not properly reported in your newspapers."

The Soviet newspaper accepted the challenge on condition that Pravda's reply be printed in the British press.

The Foreign Office said that since Britain's press was free the Government could not guarantee that the reply would appear. However, several British newspapers enabled Pravda to volunteer to run its reply if Mr Morrison's statement appeared in Moscow.

Mr Morrison handed his statement to a Pravda correspondent at the House of Commons last Monday for transmission to Moscow. The correspondent gave Pravda's reply to the Foreign Office this morning and said that both would appear in the paper on Wednesday.—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Treaty Complications

INDIA'S objections to important provisions or omissions of the proposed Japanese peace treaty, designed largely by the United States, achieve little beyond confirming India's infinite capacity for sitting on the fence. Variations deemed desirable in New Delhi are not yet vigorously pressed—for the moment they are ventured as "suggestions"—but had they come directly from the Kremlin they could scarcely fall more closely into line with Moscow's attitude on the points raised. What inference can correctly be drawn opens up a wide field for speculation, but it is clear enough that Indian thought is divorced from the realistic Western appraisal of the world situation. Much that is open to misgiving is contained in the draft treaty. But the point of attack, where there is room for conflict, is (in reverse of the Indian viewpoint) that it gives Japan too much, releases her too quickly from stringent controls, is too soft, too kind. It is far easier to sympathise with Italian protests against the Japanese treaty proposals than with India's. The Italians, who surrendered unconditionally in 1943 and then, to the best of their ability, came into the war on the Allied side, were given a peace treaty restricting their armed forces, which took away their empire and imposed all sorts of disabilities. The Japanese, six years ago regarded as barely human, are hailed as democratic stalwarts and are offered a treaty which puts no restrictions on rearmament and very little on anything else. Italy, moreover, is a member of the Atlantic Pact and has agreed to take her full share of the burden of Western defence. It is hardly astonishing that the Italians—who have always regarded their treaty as unjust in any case—should show their irritation. Efforts to rectify matters,

however, would present a serious problem. It is clearly idiotic that an Atlantic Pact country should have her military strength dangerously limited by Allied signatures. It is absurd that Trieste should remain indefinitely in suspense and obviously revision of the treaty is desirable. Unfortunately, there is one gigantic snag. Russia too is a signatory and it is impossible to believe that Stalin will ever consent to revision. The Allies are caught in a neat trap. The treaty remains in force until "modified in whole or in part by agreement between the Associated Powers and Italy." In the face of Stalin's certain refusal there is no legal way of changing it. The alternative is to denounce the treaty unilaterally and tear it quietly up. Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania have already done so with the military clauses of their peace treaties. Logically, there is nothing to stop Italy following their example. But it is a high moral price to pay. It would put the West undeniably in the wrong with Russia and destroy the case against her in the dispute about the satellite armies. It would strike another blow at the sanctity of treaties. It would undermine a little further the code of international behaviour on which the Western world believes, peace must be based. It would make it hard for us to complain about Persia. It would, in fact, make it hard to complain about any treaty-breaking. The British, French and American Governments are trying to puzzle their way out of the complications now. And it is heavy task with far wider implications because all our signatures are on dozens of documents alongside Russia's. At what exact stage does the world become so completely split that we feel justified in ignoring the Soviet signature when it suits us?



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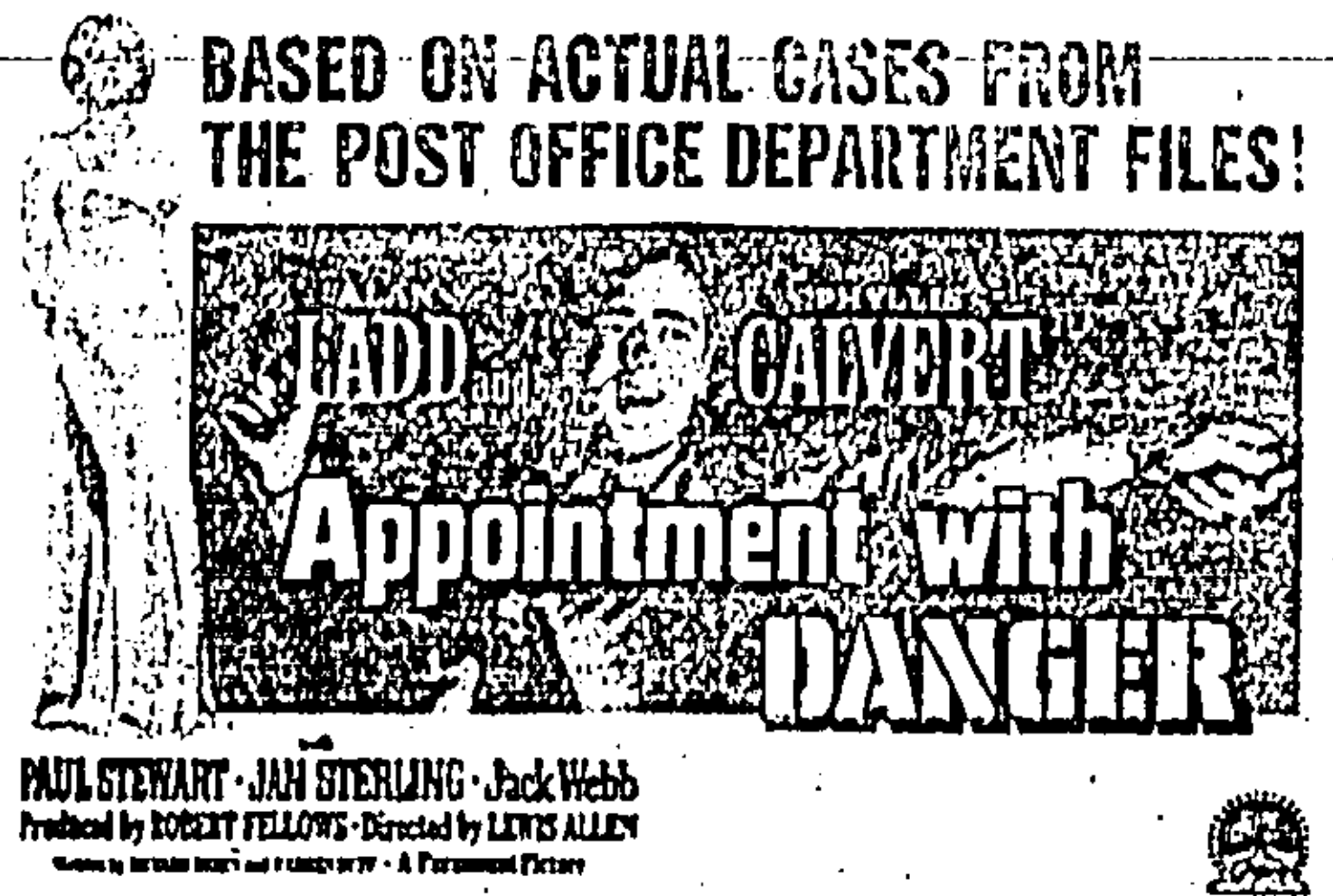
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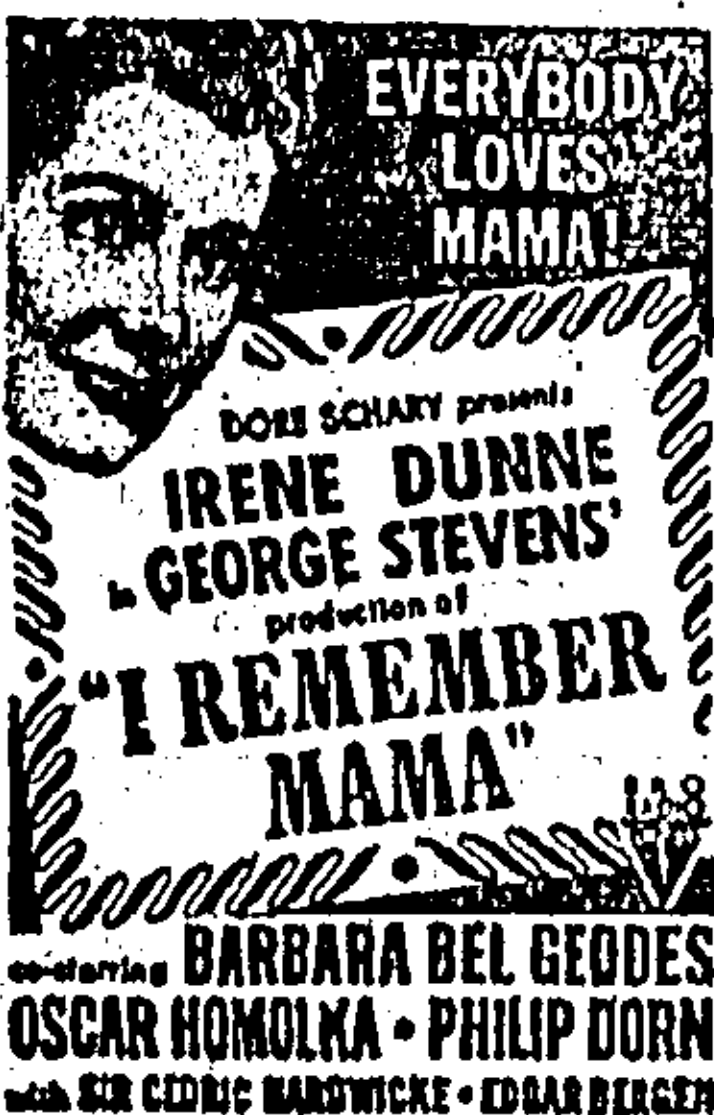
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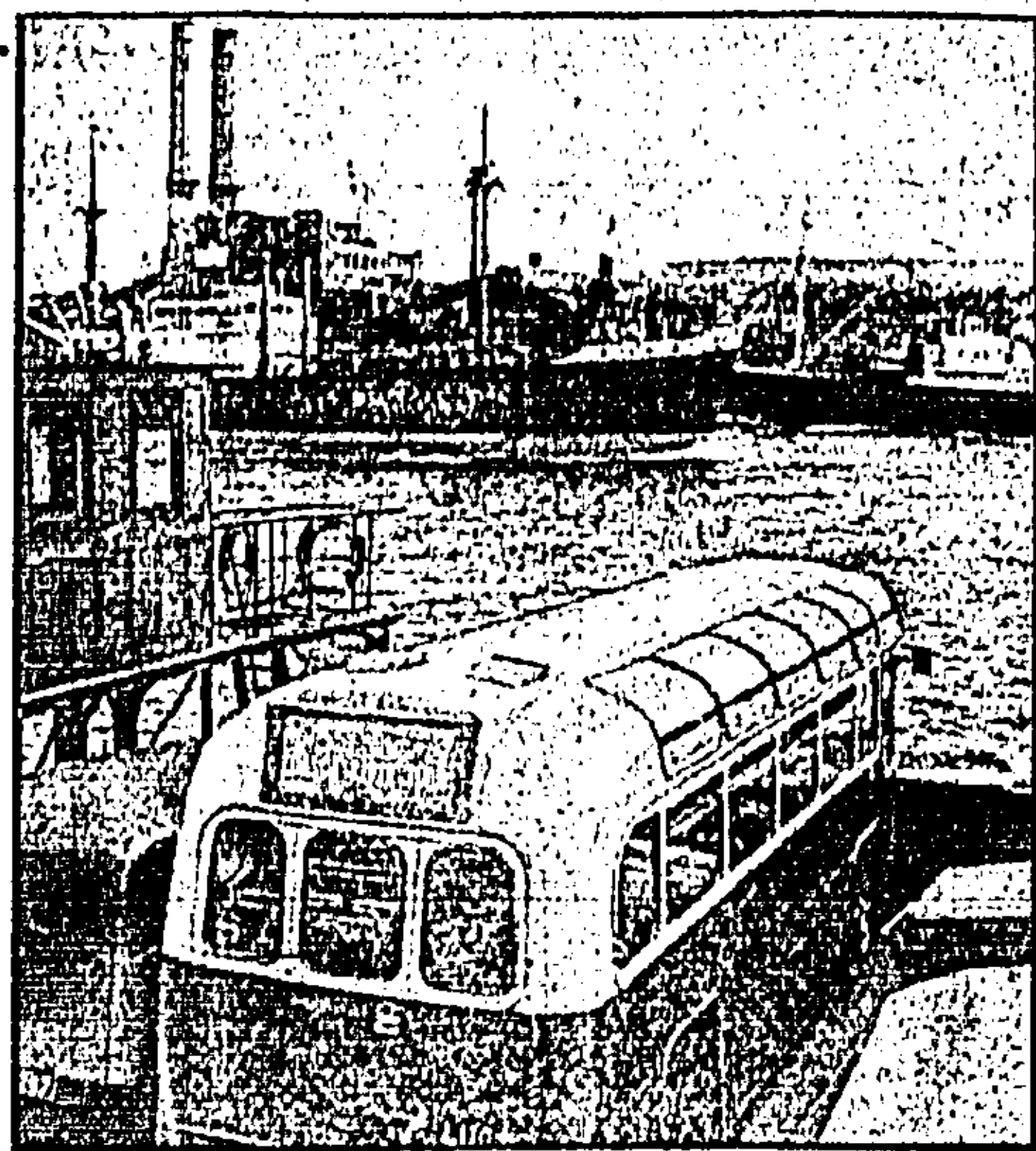
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Secret Sites For Storing American Atomic Weapons

Washington, July 31.

The building of new secret sites for atomic weapon storage, the expenditure of huge sums on developing atomic energy and stepped up output of fissionable materials were disclosed here today. The developments were made known with the publication of the United States Atomic Energy Commission's half-yearly report to Congress.

Word of the new storage sites came at a news conference dealing with the report.

The attention of Mr. Gordon Dean, Chairman of the Commission, was drawn to the report's statement that the "development of new facilities for weapons purposes proceeded and announcements were made of some of the sites."

Mr. Dean said that the location of sites for "production" had already been announced, but added: "We do not announce where we store our bombs."

The United States has spent \$4,900 million on developing atomic energy, the conference was told.

The Commission, it was added, still had \$1,400 million in appropriated funds which it had not spent and it had asked Congress for \$1,200 million more for the current fiscal year.

FAST PRODUCTION

Construction and equipment counted for nearly three-quarters of the more than \$2,000 million appropriated for atomic energy purposes in the financial year just ended, it added.

The disclosure about new storage sites led to unofficial speculation that the Commission might be making bombs so fast that new storage spaces were needed.

There was no confirmation. So far as is known all finished atomic weapons have been stored at secret places in the United States since the first three bombs were produced in 1945.

Air transport could take them overseas if a sudden need arises. For the last two or three years there have been official and unofficial reports showing a substantial increase in weapon production.—Reuter.

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American Mission To Philippines

Washington, July 31.

The Export-Import Bank announced today that a four-man team of economic and financial experts is to arrive in Manila on August 3 to help the Philippine Government chart recovery projects along the lines of the Bell report.

The group will be headed by Lynn U. Stambaugh, director of the Bank. Others are Edward S. Lynch, economic adviser; Victor F. Hascenauer, financial expert; and Walter K. Grever, engineer. All are regular Bank staff members. None has previously visited the Philippines.

The Economic Co-operation Administration is handling the grants in aid phase of the Bell mission recovery programme.

The Export-Import Bank has expressed willingness to supplement the programme through a series of loans for specific development projects.

The Bank said its representatives working as a team with the ECA mission headed by Dr. Roland Renne, will assist the Philippine Government in its plans for rehabilitation and development of the Philippine economy.—United Press.

US Navy Chief Sworn In

Washington, July 31.

Mr. Dan Kimball, a former Under-Secretary of the Navy, was sworn in today as new Secretary of the Navy.

He replaces Mr. Francis Matthews, who takes the oath tomorrow as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland.—Reuter.

Haven For Refugees

Manila, July 31.

It has been officially announced that the Philippines Government has approved the entry of 50 Greek refugees from China into the Philippines for resettlement in this country.—Reuter.

Italian Parliament In Uproar As Gasperi Presents Programme OUTBURSTS BY REDS

Rome, July 31.

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, today formally presented his new Government in the Senate and the Chamber amid yells and hoots from the Communist benches.

In a policy statement the 70-year-old Christian Democrat Premier stressed eight main points in the programme for his seventh successive Cabinet. These points were: 1.—Deeper participation in the Atlantic Pact. 2.—Insistence on a revision of the Italian peace treaty.

3.—Pressure for the return of Trieste to Italy.

4.—Stability of the lira.

5.—Rapid attainment of anti-Fascist laws.

6.—Streamlining of Government machinery.

7.—Continuation of economic development despite rearmament; and

8.—Action to stop "continuous" defamation of the Government by the Communist Press.

Indicating that the new Cabinet, again all Christian Democrats but for two Republican portfolios, will work on the same essential lines as the last, the Premier said, of the Atlantic Pact: "We must consolidate, develop and deepen this alliance, which associates our country to the destiny of European and overseas democracy."

TREASON REVISION

He said that war-ravaged Italy had done perhaps more than any other people in relative contributions to the Atlantic system.

Signor de Gasperi stated that it was "also in the interests of Atlantic solidarity" that he intended to press for revision of the peace treaty and the return to Italy of the Free Territory of Trieste.

Declaring that "Atlantic coherence" was already impaired by the Russian veto on Italy's entry into the United Nations, he continued: "The intrinsic logic of the Atlantic alliance and international co-operation must lead us to the disappearance of a treaty conceived and imposed as a sanction of war."

"We note with satisfaction that this point of view is making progress with the Allies."

Signor de Gasperi said that friendship with Yugoslavia, sharing Trieste's Military Government with the Anglo-Americans, was a factor for peace and common security but added: "Italy can leave no doubts about her rights as a nation."

REDS PROTEST

The Premier, whose voice was frequently drowned in an uproar as enraged Communist Senators and deputies sprang shouting to their feet and banging their desks, strongly reaffirmed the stability of the lira as the basis for Italy's economic policy.

He urged the Senate to speed the debate on a draft law designed to put teeth in a clause of the Constitution banning the resurgence of Fascism in any form.

The Premier said that every effort would be made to speed up the country's lumbering Government machinery. Parliament now has a backlog of 298 draft laws awaiting debate.

He stressed that economic and social development would continue in spite of the added rearmament efforts.

Besides a continuation of the vast land reform in the south, he mentioned plans to spend 10 billion lire for railway reconstruction and the renewal of rolling stock.

He also announced agreement on a plan to mechanise Italian agriculture.

PRESS LAW

Signor de Gasperi's voice was lost in tumult as he announced the drafting of a Press law to stop "the continuous defamation of a democratic regime" by extremist newspapers, especially Communists.

This should not be confused with the liberty to criticise, which was guaranteed by the Constitution, he said.

He argued that past experience showed that continuous defamation of a defenceless State eventually resulted in

"diminishing the authority of the State and impelling it towards systems which are negations of the method of liberty."

There was much less uproar in the Chamber when Signor de Gasperi read his statement for the second time, than in the Senate. Both Houses of Parliament will tomorrow open their political debate, which is expected to close with a vote of confidence this week or early next week.

Jeers and shouts of "His master's voice!" came from left-wing Senators as Signor de Gasperi thanked the United States for aid to Italy.—Reuter.

Fortune On Trees

Somewhere in Korea, July 31.

There is \$1,000,000 growing on trees in Korea.

At least that is what Major E. H. Anderson, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, acting commanding officer of the 25th Canadian Field Ambulance, believes.

Major Anderson said wounded North Koreans and Chinese were being brought into his field stations with a type of leaf tree on their injuries which seemed to have healing power. "It would like to get hold of that leaf!" Major Anderson said. "It's amazing, the wounds are always clean and sweet under the filthy bandages."

"There's \$1,000,000 in it for a smart pharmacist," he said.—United Press.

Strike Of Civil Servants Enters Its Second Day

Damascus, July 31.

Syria's 20,000 Government employees today entered the second day of their lightning strike, demanding wage increases. All official and commercial business was interrupted.

The Parliamentary Legal-Financial Committee called upon the civil servants to resume work.

The Committee, which is studying the appropriation of 11 million Syrian pounds (about \$1,750,000) towards wage increases, said that it was convinced of the justice of the employees' claims and promised a speedy solution to the problem.

Earlier today the employees' Strike Committee announced that the strike would continue until their demands were met without further delay.

Meanwhile, Syria's Ministerial crisis remained fluid as the Prime Minister, Khaled El Azam Bey, would neither confirm nor deny reports of his resignation.

Observers said, however, that it was clear that Azam Bey was convinced that his Government had lost support in Parliament and was unable to continue in power.

Meanwhile, the Syrian President, Hachem El Atassi Pasha, has pressed Azam Bey to reform his Government with the help of the Populists, the party holding the largest number of seats in Parliament.

The Populists are still adamant and hoping to assume power themselves. They must win 64 seats in the 114-seat House. They gave a vote of confidence to Azam Bey's Government last March because of the critical Syrian-Israeli border situation.

Fares El Khouri, veteran Syrian statesman, and previously Syria's chief delegate to the United Nations, was received here officially today on his return from Geneva.

In Geneva, El Khouri had represented Syria on the International Law Commission. El Khouri had represented Syria at the United Nations since it was formed and was recently replaced by Dr. Fahir Zaimuddin.—Reuter.

What Would The Neighbours Say!

Long Beach, Cal., July 31.

Manufacturer Ernest Hainell, 43, chased a half-nude burglar from his home, but modestly forced him to let the culprit escape.

The would-be robber wore only a shirt. Hainell, because of the heat, had been sleeping entirely in the nude.

He called the police who later arrested William Nielson, 21. Nielson allegedly admitted breaking into the manufacturer's home.—United Press.

Isolationist Plans On Troops Issue

Washington, July 31.

A New York Republican Congressman told reporters today that he had strong support within his party for a new move to limit the foreign use of United States troops.

Representative Frederic Coudert said that he expected "full support of the Republican Policy Committee" for an amendment to the 1952 Military Appropriation Bill to require Congressional approval before troops could be sent abroad.

The Bill is to be considered by the House of Representatives next year.

Mr. Coudert said that the amendment was necessary because of the announced plans to station 400,000 American troops in Western Europe by the end of this year.

This, he said, was double the number that Congress was told in February would be sent to Europe as part of General Dwight Eisenhower's Atlantic Pact forces.

The House of Representatives has had no opportunity to vote on troops limitation proposals, although the Senate debated the proposition fully early this year.

Asserting that the Senate indirectly approved the use of six divisions of 200,000 troops earlier this year, Mr. Coudert said: "If six divisions can mean 200,000 troops in February but 400,000 in July, then they can mean any number at any time the military authorities may choose."

"Marshall-size divisions are evidently in accordance, to be made small when courting public approval of commitments but to be expanded to any desired size when the troops begin to move."—Reuter.

West German Steel Plants Have To Close

Hagen, Westphalia, July 31.

The West German Steel Casting Federation announced today that some 50 to 60 steel casting plants had closed down because of "catastrophic" fuel allocations.

A Federation spokesman said here that 50 more plants would have to stop production unless coal and coke deliveries were increased.

The plants which have already closed are small and medium-sized factories.

Economic experts considered that new allocations at the beginning of next month might allow the plants to reopen.

Raw material shortages contributed to the difficulties, but not to the same extent as the fuel shortage.

The Federation spokesman said that the steel casting industry had received only 28 per cent of the June allocation of coal and coke.

The Federation said that British and Portuguese competition was being sharply felt.—Reuter.

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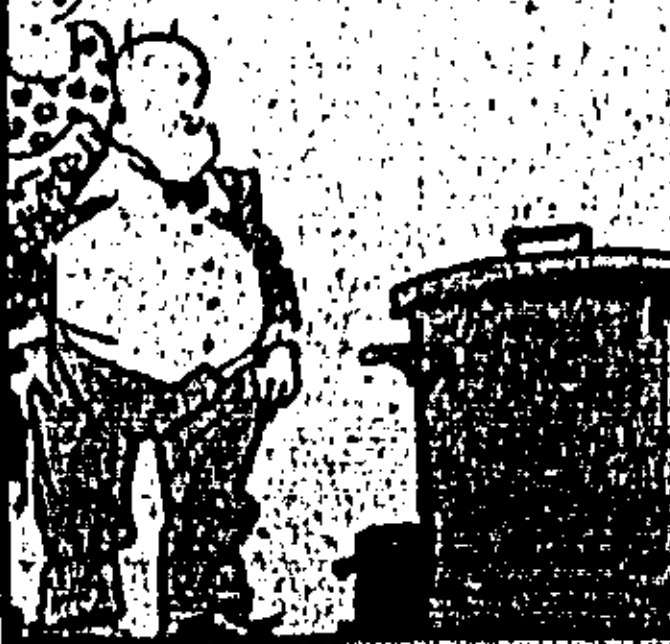
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AGREEMENT ON SPANISH BASES WAS NOT RIGHT

—Says Lord Chancellor

London, July 31.

The British Government said tonight that it had not the "smallest grievance" because the United States thought it right to make an agreement with the Franco Government for bases in Spain.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, said this in a House of Lords debate on foreign policy. "But frankly we did not think it was right," he added.

The Government did not think the military advantage outweighed the political disadvantage.

Nothing was more likely to encourage the Communists than dealings with the Fascists such as this would appear to be, he said.

Considering the position of Europe it was a complete fallacy to separate military from political considerations as they were separate things.

Anything which encouraged the Communists and made it probable that they would recruit from non-Communist parties in Europe was a misfortune.

But he stressed that the United States was perfectly free to make whatever arrangements they liked just as the British were.

Lord Templewood, British Ambassador to Spain during the war, urged talks between Britain, the United States, France and Italy on the whole Spanish question.

He said they could agree among themselves on the type of government they wanted in Spain and then determine what to do to achieve their aim. It was vital to avoid a rift between British and American policy.

ABSURD UNTRUTH

He suggested that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, should try to arrive at a common policy on Spain when he went to the United States in September to sign the Japanese peace treaty.

One of the things they could discuss for instance, were reports in Spain that the present line of Western defence was untenable and that in any war with the Soviets it would be necessary to fall back on a line based on the Pyrenees, the Alps and the Apennines.

This was the kind of dangerous statement that ought to be at once repudiated if the morale of French and Scandinavian allies was not to be destroyed, he said.

Lord Jowitt said it was ridiculous to say that the Americans would relinquish all help to Europe and resist behind the Pyrenees.

He thought Lord Templewood's idea of a limited con-

ference of selected members of Atlantic Pact powers would do more harm than good.

Lord Templewood interrupted to say that such a conference would be preliminary to a NATO meeting.

Lord Jowitt replied that he would convey Lord Templewood's suggestion to the Foreign Secretary.

KOREA ARMISTICE

Lord Salisbury, Conservative leader in the House of Lords, asked for any information about the line to be fixed for an armistice in Korea.

He was doubtful about the proposal that all foreign forces should be evacuated.

Lord Jowitt said that the British Government had the most complete confidence in General Matthew B. Ridgway and left the full limitation of the line to his wisdom. The line they thought of drawing was always obviously in the neighbourhood of the 38th Parallel though not precisely on the line.

Lord Salisbury said that a violent anti-British propaganda campaign had been started in Egypt. The Egyptians had embarked on a policy which could only be described as twisting the lion's tail. He believed that was the inner meaning of the refusal to allow British tankers to move through the Suez Canal and the recent unprovoked boarding of the British merchantman Empire Roach.

He suggested that the Government had allowed the situation to drift. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, had in one sentence last night (in replying to a House of Commons debate on foreign affairs) revealed the real reason behind the "submissiveness" of the British Government.

"SUPINE ATTITUDE"

He had said that if the Government tried to treat Egypt roughly, it would have had a bad effect throughout the Moslem world.

That is a good example of what I might call "You must not say boo to a goose" mentality," Lord Salisbury said. It showed a total misunderstanding of the basic principles of foreign policy.

Two explanations of the "supine attitude" of the Government in recent months were: First, it was afraid that any firm action would increase the danger of war—but experience showed that the danger of peace arose from an over-facile attitude. Second, the Government was partly influenced by purely domestic party politics. They wanted to dub the Conservatives as warmongers for electoral purposes.

Lord Jowitt, replying, said that the Egyptian problem was no longer a bilateral matter between Egypt and Britain. It was fundamental to the peace of the world and the defence of Western Europe and the Middle East.

It was satisfactory that Britain had received assurances that incidents such as that to the British merchantman Empire Roach would not be repeated. This matter was coming up before the Security Council tomorrow. "We are in the closest touch with the United States and other governments," he said. "We shall not take any strong measures save after close consultation with our Allies who are affected in the same way."

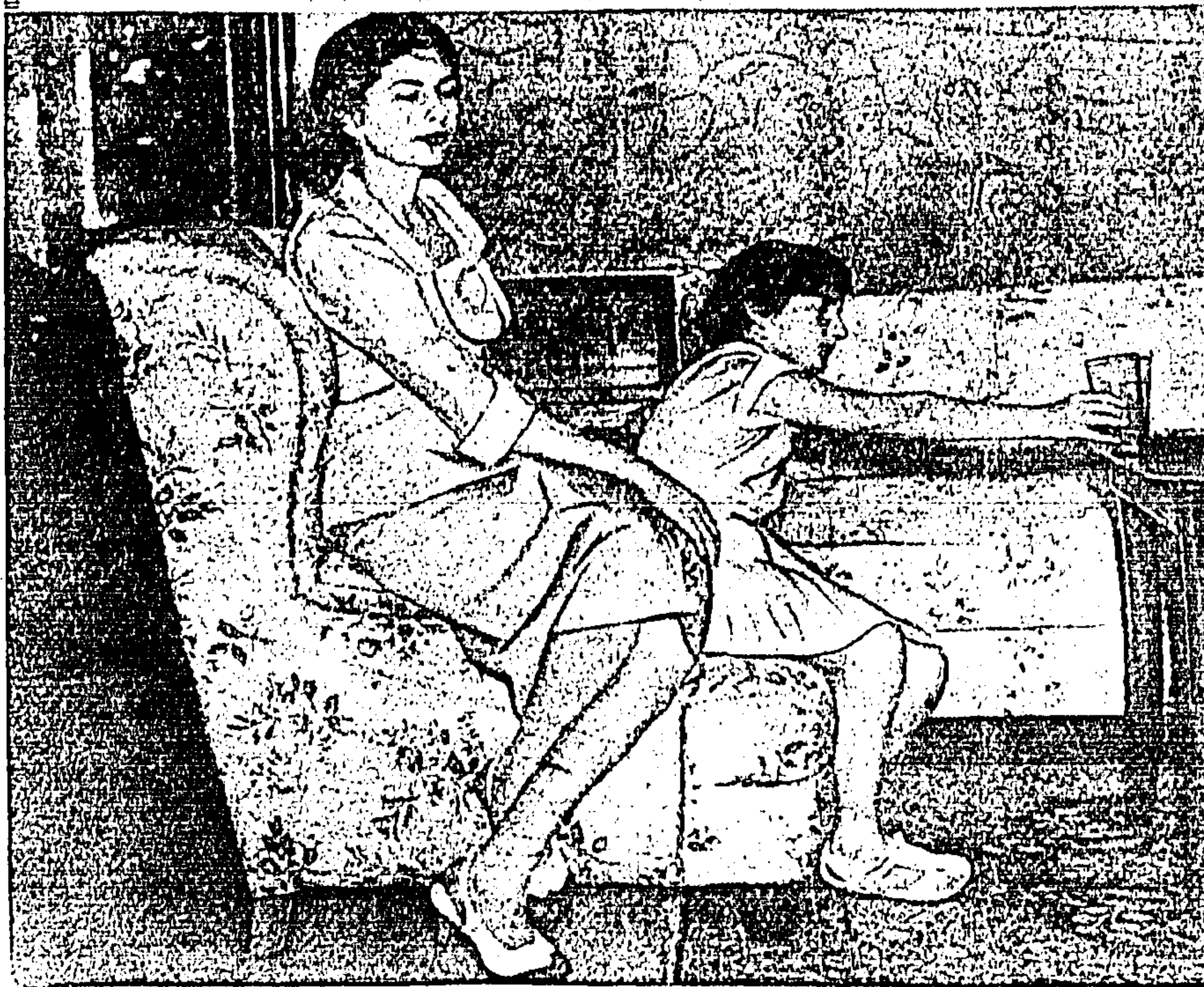
Saying he hoped reason would still prevail in the negotiations with Egypt, Lord Jowitt said, "There is no divergence of interest. The independence and integrity of Egypt is the close concern of Britain and we shall do everything we can to bring that about."—Reuter.

BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Disruption of mails has interfered with the regular supply of these puzzles from London. We regret this temporary stoppage, and hope to resume publication of this popular feature as soon as possible.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Beamish, 8 Diadem, 9 Dinosaur, 11 Operator, 12 Bow, 13 Oboe, 15 Style, 19 Apex, 22 Dispel, 24 Implore, 25 Reveal, 26 Silenced. Down: 1 Idol, 2 Haven, 3 Bedouin, 4 Ensl, 5 Moor, 6 Reason, 7 Hurtle, 10 Nasty, 14 Ether, 15 Elapsed, 16 Varies, 17 Compel, 20 Arpen, 21 Addle, 22 Down, 23 Bere.

It's not often you see a queen eyeing her stepdaughter like this...



Palace close-up from Teheran. . . In a cool room, with a cool drink is Shahnaz, daughter of Persia's Shah by his first wife—Farouk's sister Fawzia. That marriage was dissolved. Sharing a chair with her stepdaughter—and taking a sideways peek—is the Empress Soraya. Before her Arabian Nights wedding, a few months ago, she was 19-year-old Soraya Esfandiari. The Shah's new consort is slim, elegant, poised. This is her first picture with Shahnaz, who returned to Teheran this month from school in Switzerland.—London Express Service.

Warsaw Political Trial Beginning Of Major Purge?

Warsaw, July 31.

A week after Viacheslav Molotov left Warsaw, the Polish Communist Government staged the biggest political trial in post-war Poland.

The purpose of the Soviet Vice-Premier's sudden visit to Warsaw and the meaning of his truculent words about Titoism are becoming clear.

Britain Short Of Scientists

London, July 31.

Britain faces a serious shortage of scientists, the Government's official advisers warned today. The advisory report of the Council on Scientific Policy, published today, said that the rearmament programme would make heavy demands for physicists, chemists and engineers.

If all the plans to develop the under-developed areas of a world were realised, Britain could not meet the demands for scientific manpower without damaging other commitments.

The Council's Committee on Atomic Energy for civilian uses reported a reasonable prospect that atomic power could be developed on a large scale. Its ultimate cost would not be much different from power derived from coal.

But it was likely to take at least a generation to develop atomic power stations which could contribute substantially to the country's power resources.

Menzies' Appeal To Australians

Sydney, July 31.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, appealed to the nation tonight to increase production to meet a threat "as grievous as any danger we have looked at short of war."

Mr. Menzies told the final meeting of two-day conference to combat inflation that Australia must build strength, slash coal shortages and "deny ourselves all luxuries and trivialities" in a productive drive.

He recalled saying that two Australians could do the work of three men in a crisis.

"All right, let us get away from this conference and determine that we will," he said. He added that a 10 per cent increase in effort would expand the nation to an extent unparalleled in history.—United Press.

GIANT REFINERY IN HAMPSHIRE

Southampton, July 31.

Britain's newest oil refinery, the largest in Europe when in full operation, will be opened by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, on September 14.

It will be capable of producing about a million gallons of high quality motor spirit a day.—Reuter.

Having Woman Trouble

Adelaide, July 31.

Latvian Julius Drafuss, 17-stone and six-feet-plus, complained to the Police that his wife, mother-in-law, three step-daughters, step-sister-in-law and her twin 21-year-old daughters were ruining his life and upsetting his financial plans.

They are all living with him in a converted stable, he said. He wanted to extend it to relieve the tension but by the time he fed the women he had no money left.

The Police decided that there was nothing they could do for Drafuss.—Reuter.

Explorer Ran Into A War

Cairo, July 31.

Wendell Phillips, an American explorer just returned from South Arabia, left by plane for New York today after a trial that took him to a tribal war in the desert.

Phillips said a battle was raging between warriors of the Bedouin State and tribesmen of Marib, ancient capital of the Queen of Sheba.

His expedition penetrated the little-known province of Belhan and cut across sand dune country until it reached Sheba's ancient capital 110 miles east of Sana. It was from there that the Queen trekked north to meet King Solomon.

Phillips said he found temples of great archaeological importance, the foremost of which was the Temple of Moon Worship with a colossal column rising 30 feet above the sand. He found art objects showing the influence of the Greeks as well as of the Babylonians.—United Press.

EASTERN ATLANTIC COMMAND

London, July 31.

A new United States Command will come into official existence in London tomorrow when Rear-Admiral Walter F. Boone will formally assume the title of Commander in the Eastern Atlantic at the American Naval Headquarters here.

The new Command has been set up to handle American naval functions and responsibilities in Britain and the Eastern Atlantic following the moving of Admiral Robert B. Carney's Headquarters from London to Naples.

Admiral Carney, recently named Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces in Southern Europe—an Atlantic Pact post—will remain the overall Commander of the American Navy in this part of the world.

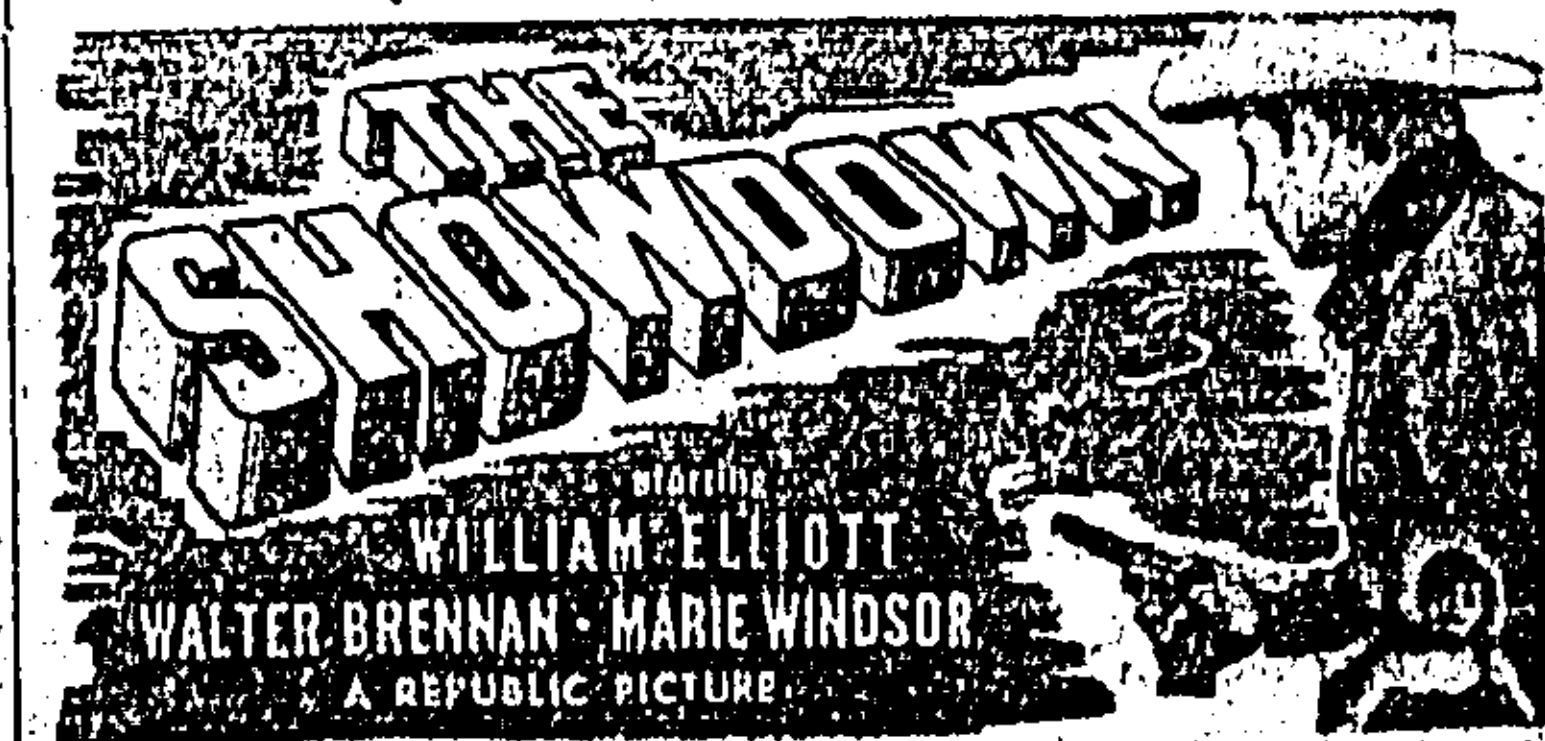
He retains the title of Commander-in-Chief, United States naval forces, Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

The forces to be maintained under the new command under Admiral Boone include the Northern European Task Force, a utility air transport squadron based at Hendon, just outside London, and shore-based air groups supporting the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Admiral Boone will have general United States naval responsibility in the United Kingdom area, part of North Africa and the sea areas of the Eastern Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean.—Reuter.

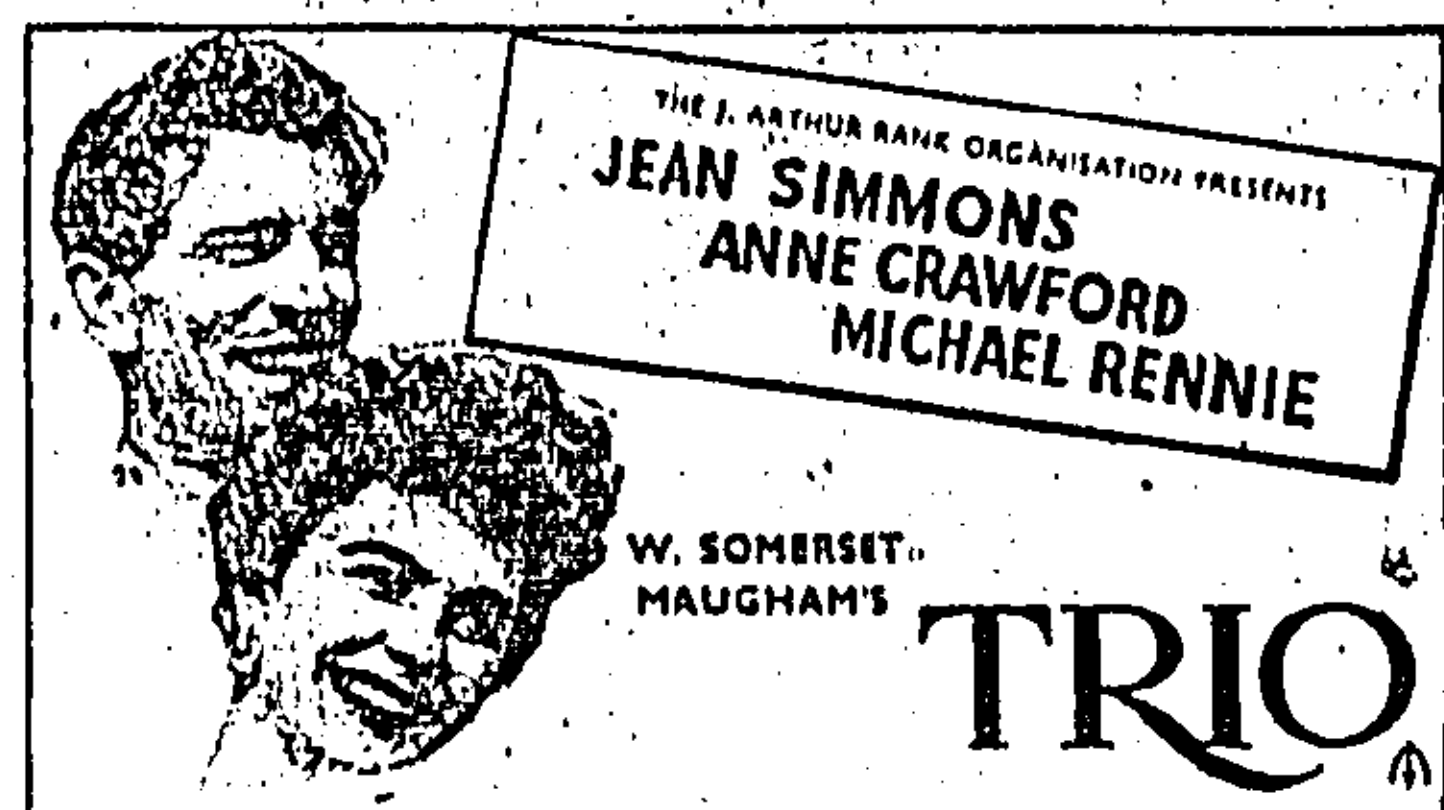
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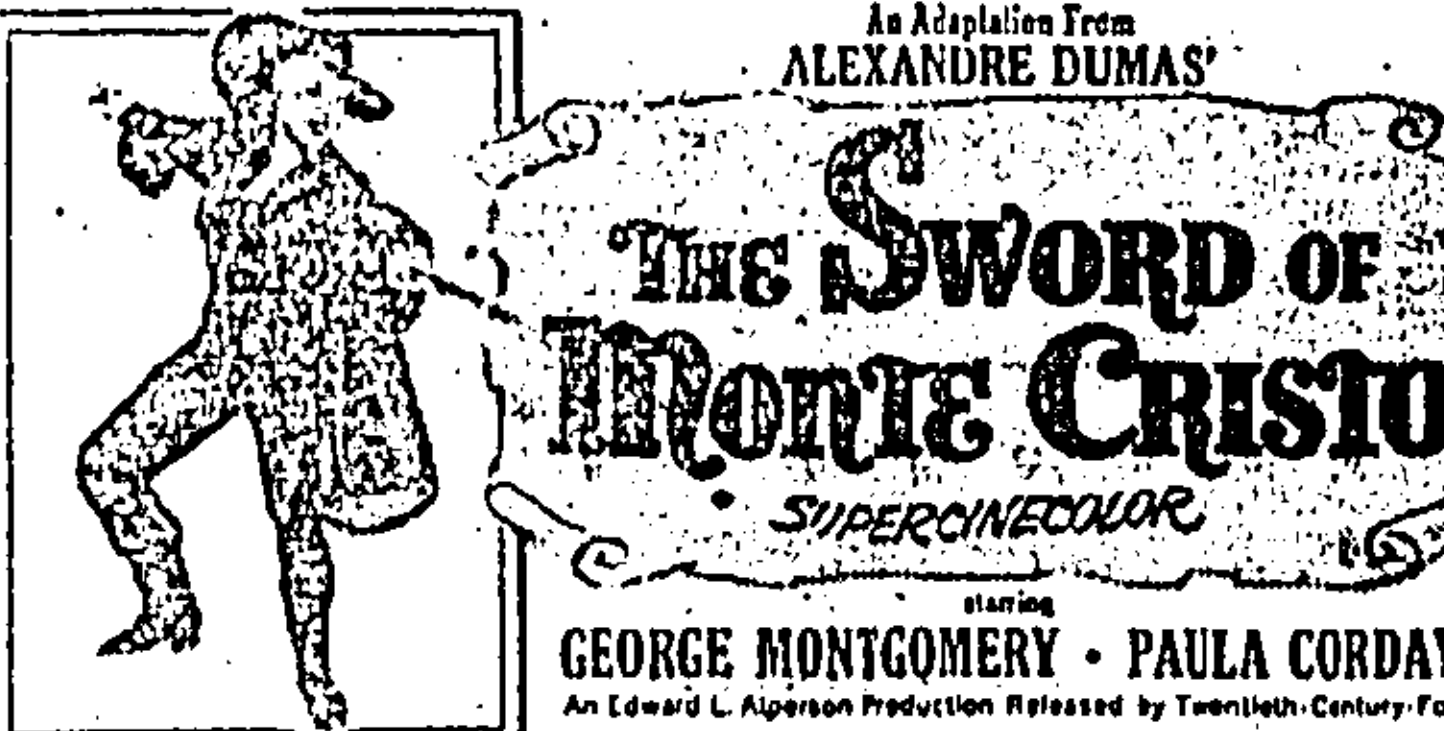
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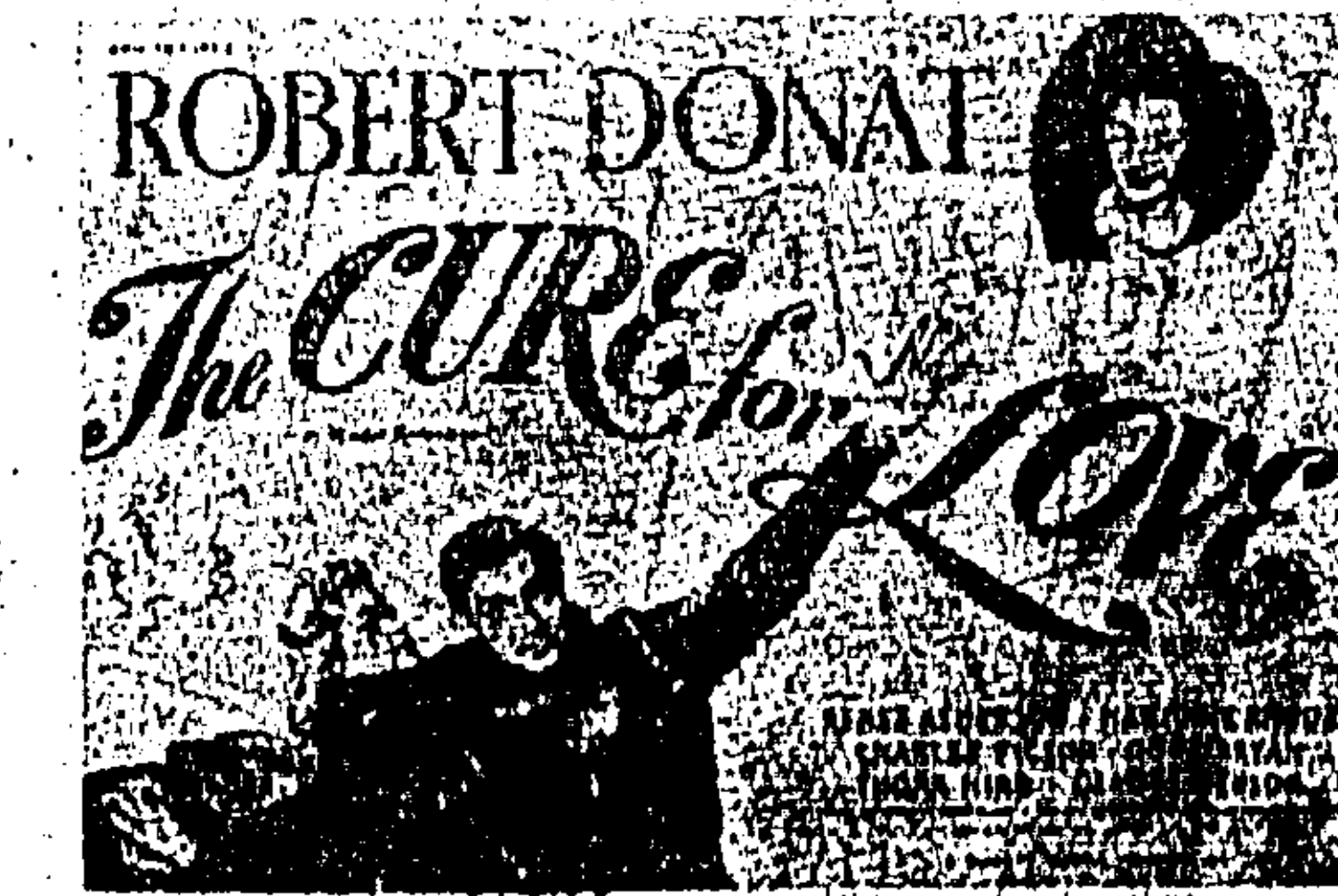
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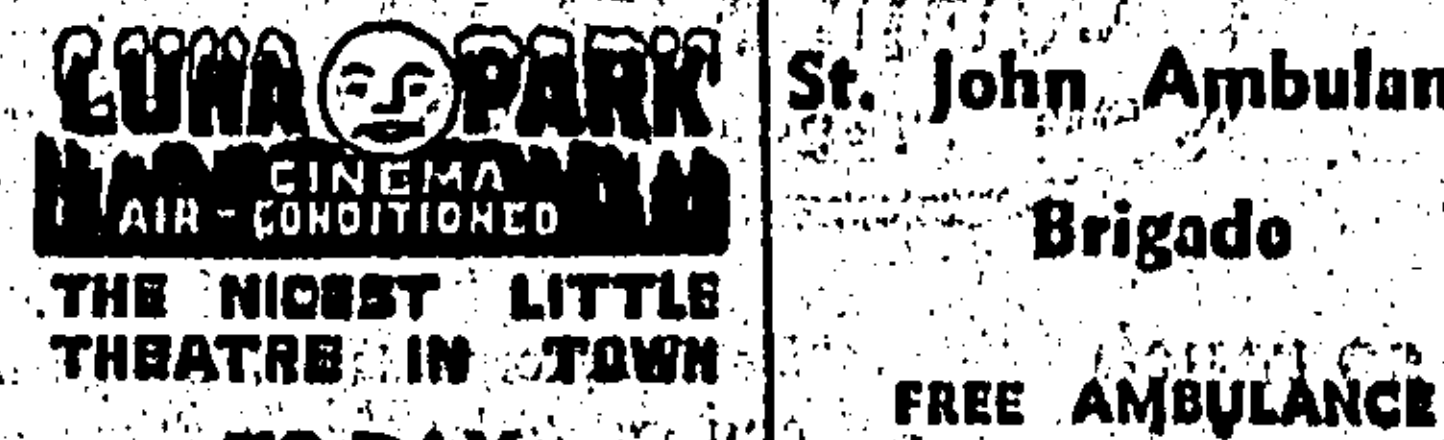
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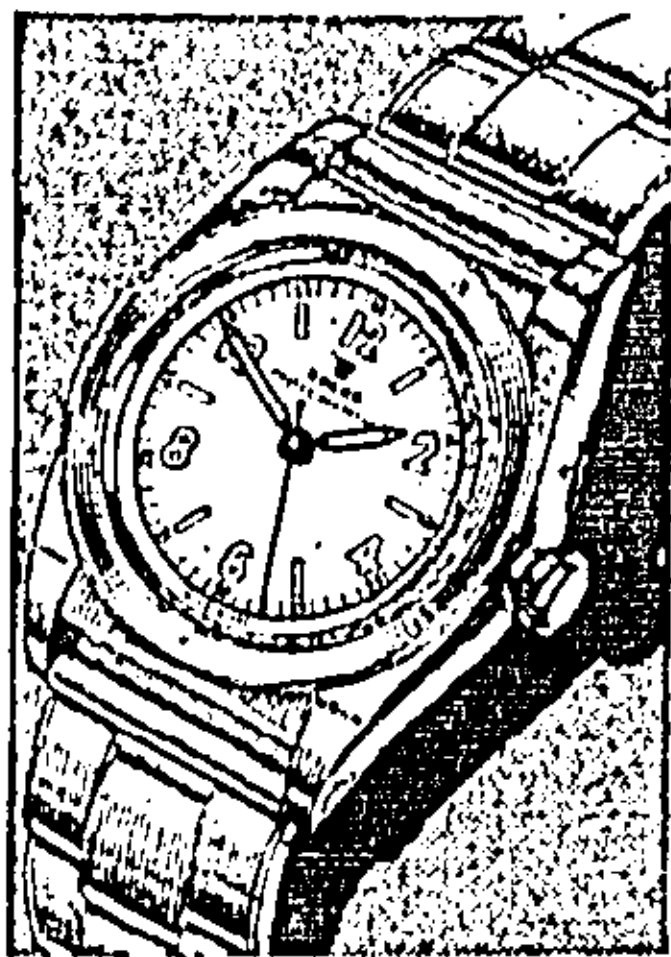
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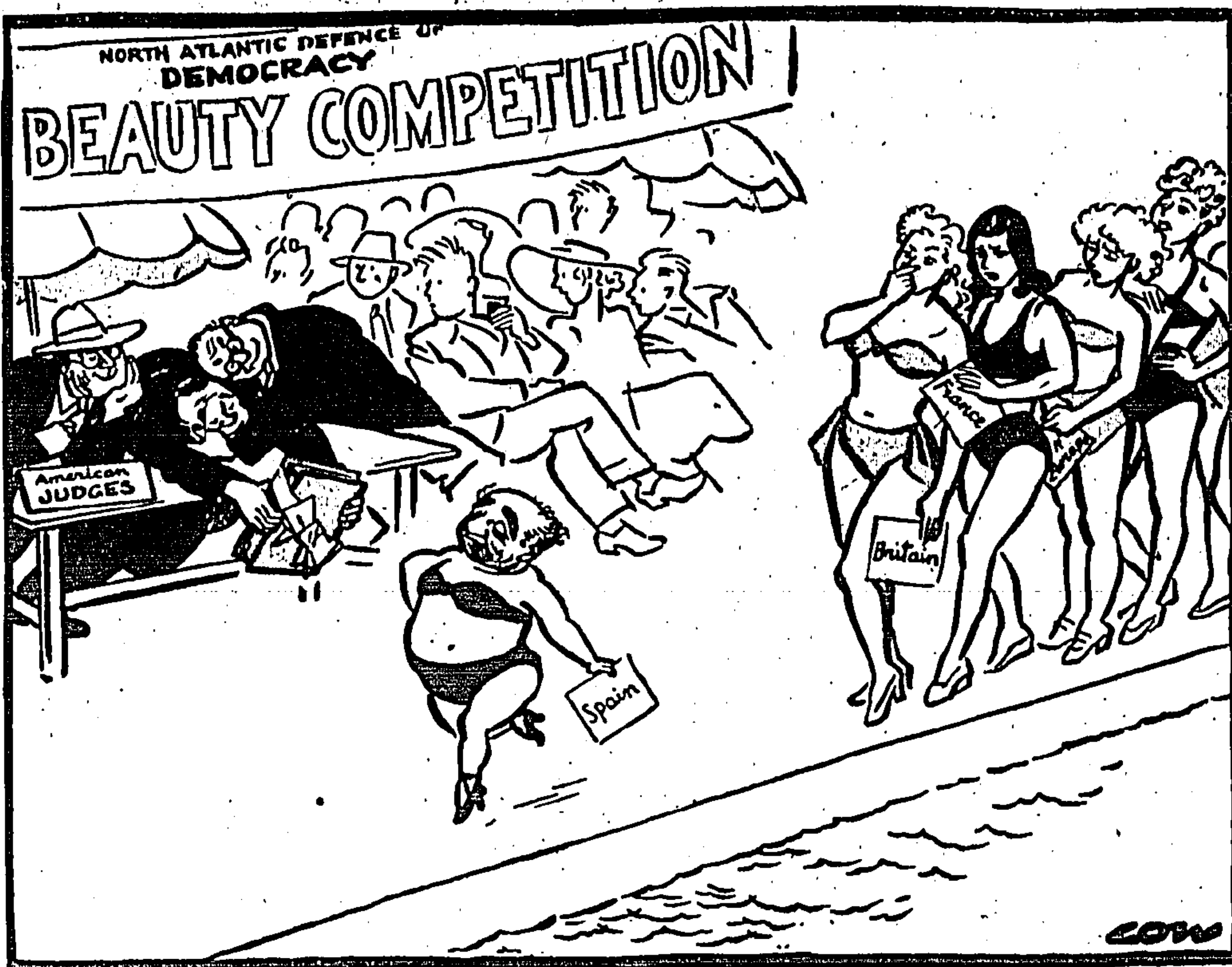
Most things today aren't built to last as long as they might. There are exceptions—one outstanding one is a Rolex wrist-watch. Those delicate parts—an ordinary timepiece would hold 100,000 of a certain screw used—are tooled with such precision, set in place with such skill, that

a Rolex can, and will, last a lifetime—and a lifetime after that. But the excellence of the manufacture can claim only part of the kudos; much is owed, in a waterproof Rolex, to the Oyster case. Designed by Rolex especially to protect a Rolex movement, the Oyster case was, and still is, the foremost waterproof case in the world.

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Sitting on the
Fence.... by
NATHANIEL GUBBINS

MR BLOODSUCKER, the income tax inspector, has made a decision which will shake the dustbin world to its foundations.

He has sent notices to 70 Ipswich dustmen requiring them to make a return of the money they have earned selling old clothes, kitchen utensils, and other choice pickings found in dustbins, to local dealers.

It scarcely needs the imagination of a poet to reconstruct the scene in 70 little homes when the income tax forms arrived.

"What's it all about, George?" "Ow should I know?" "Are you going to prison for it?" "Shut your trap, will you?" The pens with the crossed ribs gripped tightly in brawny hands shaking with fury, the blots, the spilled ink, the burned suppers, the frightened children crying in corners as fearful omens split the air and kitchen chairs are hurled through windows.

If the dustmen think this is the worst that can happen to them, they don't know their Bloodsucker.

The Inland Revenue can demand returns of income at least six years back, and the dustmen may soon be faced with questions like this:

In March 1948 you sold a moth-eaten pair of trousers, stained by tea leaves and candle oil. What were you paid for them?

How much did you accept for a kettle with no handle, two broken cups, and a pair of impoverished false teeth sold to a dealer in November 1947?

Good afternoon, Mrs Smith. Afternoon.

May I come in? What for?

Just for a chat. What about?

Nothing in particular. I've no time to talk about nothing.

Do you live alone? What's that to you? I was only asking. Why?

I thought you might need a friend. Meaning you? Perhaps. No thanks. Do you manage all right with the housework? That's my business. I thought it might be difficult at your age.

What's wrong with my nose on the Persian Air Force case?

Nothing. Then why mention it? I'm sorry, but I thought I might help.

Help with what? Well, with the cooking. Poking your long nose into my kitchen?

My nose isn't very long. It's longer than a ferret's. You snooping for the Government?

Certainly not. You're a liar. You're very rude. I wish I had a dog.

Are you lonely for a dog? I'll get you one. I want a dog to bite your ugly head off. I see.

You dirty, rotten spy.

Persia in arms

SO much interest has been aroused by the publication here of conditions in the Persian Armed Forces by my unreliable naval and military correspondents, that a report

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fly anywhere without a dancing girl beside them.

Out-of-date Royal Air Force slang has recently become the rage in the Persian Air Force, though the phrases have different meanings.

For instance, "a piece of cake" does not mean an easy mission, as they never fly anywhere. It means an exceptionally beautiful girl.

"Bang!" means a promising date, and "a wizard prang" a kiss in the dark.

Silver lining

TOM GIBSON, a gardener of Kingswear, Devon, has claimed damages because he can't smell flowers after being punched on the nose by a French fisherman.

"The true I cannot smell the rose, the lilies of the valley. The also true I cannot smell the cooking in our alley. I cannot sniff the hyacinth, nor smell the new cut hay. The reeking cabbage in the pot, the soap on washing day.

In spring I cannot smell the grass, the blossom on the trees. Nor all my starved, emaciated breast with scented summer breeze.

But I can walk in Billingsgate and fill my hungry nose With draughts of strong fish-laden air as sweet as any rose.

If I can't smell the good, red earth, the saltiness of the sea. Then I can't smell the garbage heap—and thank the gods that be.

(London Express Service)

D-DAY at
Hans Crescent

By E. B. TIMOTHY

LONDON, July 27.

HANS CRESCENT is unique! No other hostel for Colonial students in London is so daintily furnished or provides such amenities as a modern library, a theatre, etc. It is the ideal hostel. And recently Hans Crescent became known as the first hostel where Colonial students have successfully staged a "stay-in strike."

The British Council has taken no action against the students living there—rent-free, if without services—and without the Council's consent. I found many Colonial students rejoicing over what they described to me as the "British Council's defeat."

But is it a defeat? August 1 is the date when the new students from the Colonies are expected to take up residence at Hans Crescent. That will be the real D-Day.

Meanwhile, the argument continues: what is to be done about accommodation for Colonial students in this country? The problem is of such importance and interest, that the Daily Telegraph one day this week carried three letters on this one theme. Various measures aimed at solving the problem have been put forward. One correspondent has suggested that the inflow of students and workers should be kept within reasonable bounds. Mr Maurice Cole, Secretary of the East and West Friendship Council has suggested that more English families should invite overseas students to their homes for occasional week-ends.

Contrary Views

A Colonial law student has proposed that, like America, Britain should establish "many international organisations financed by wealthy philanthropists." But Miss R. Salmon, Church Missionary Society Secretary responsible for overseas students, and visitors to Britain, told me that "overseas students have to realise that lodgings are not run by philanthropists; they are run by people who have to make a profit."

She expressed at the same time the view that "here should be an awakening in this country of the Christian concept of brotherhood." People should offer any friendly help they can to our overseas friends, she added.

Quite a contrary view comes from Dr Ganesh Sawh, London physician who belongs to British Guyana, and Mr Sam Morris, Secretary of the League of Coloured Peoples. Both contend that no hostels should be provided for Colonial students. They are of the opinion that Colonial students in Britain should be left on their own instead of being "pampered" by the British Council or Colonial Office.

"The Colonial Office must keep hands off all aspects of student welfare; if a Colonial student cannot survive in an English society," said Mr Morris, "he should return home."

Accommodation for Colonial students, argues the Fabian Colonial Bureau, "is not really the business of either the

Colonial Office or the British Council; it is the concern of the University." That is true of Cambridge, Oxford, Durham and other Universities. But it is not so in London; the University has never secured licensed "digs" for students in London. There are one or two hostels run by the University, but these cannot cope with the large number of students at the University.

Recent reports in many British newspapers state that Hans Crescent is the only hostel for Colonial students in London. This statement is quite erroneous, of course. The Methodist Church runs a hostel which accommodates Colonial students; the C.M.S. has another, and the West African Students' Union has two.

Colour Bar?

You may well ask what, then, are Colonial students grouching about? First, they allege that owing to "colour bar" in Britain, it is very difficult for a student to get private accommodation. They charge that the Colonial Office and the British Council have been gradually reducing the number of hostels for Colonial students in the country. They go further, and say that the closing down of these hostels indicates that Colonial students are not wanted in this country.

Both the Colonial Office and the British Council refute these allegations as "dangerous nonsense."

This whole problem of student accommodation is no easy one. To begin with, it must be viewed against the background of the housing shortage in Britain. It is not only Colonial students who are hard put for accommodation; there are English people who suffer likewise.

There are, and no one will deny it, instances of "colour bar" against Colonial students which accentuate their difficulties. The landlords of Battersea, Bayswater and Russell Square, who create a bad name for Britain by exploiting Colonial students, have been castigated recently by Lord Mancroft in the House of Lords.

Other Side

There is the other side to this problem—the "colour bar" question—and one has to be frank about it even at the risk of being provocative. The un-Idy habits and bad behaviour of SOME Colonial students towards their landlords, have in certain cases caused landlords, who used to be willing to accept Colonial lodgers, to refuse them now.

There may be an explanation for all that. Change in environment is sudden and to fit in with it requires adaptation. Not many Colonial students find it easy to achieve this quickly.

I would suggest that a transit hostel be provided. Personally, I am against Colonial students living together in a hostel, but can't get to know England and the English that way. You must mix with the people and get to know them. But that does not mean I am against providing sufficient hostels for Colonial students in Britain—and that means more hostels. They must be provided for those who cannot successfully obtain digs.

More hostels mean more money—and the money which are used for obtaining and maintaining these hostels are not monies from the Colonial Governments, as Colonial students appear to think. Mr J. L. Keith, Director of Colonial Schools, Colonial Office (Welfare Dept), points out that the money comes from U. K. Treasury funds.

An Alternative

How then, are more hostels to be secured? One way would be for Colonial students' unions to follow the example of the West African Students' Union and provide their own hostels. What WASU did was to appeal for contributions from people in the four West African colonies. Surely, WASU could do likewise. In view of the present international situation and Britain's rearmament programme, I am dubious whether the Treasury can provide funds for more students' hostels.

An alternative is, of course, for the British Council or the Colonial Office for that matter, to provide more hostels of the Balmoral or Hallam Street standard—not of the Hans Crescent type, which is up to the standard of a University Hall.

Are Colonial students willing to consider any of these proposals?

In the meantime, I am certain there will be no lack of effort on the part of the British Council or the Colonial Office to do something more in the way of accommodation for Colonial students. Equally, I am convinced that Britain cannot afford to antagonise Colonial students—the potential leaders of the self-governing territories that shall be.

U.S. WON'T 'MAKE WHOOPEE'
OVER PEACE IN KOREABy RODNEY
CAMPBELL

NEW YORK. THE peace talks at Kaesong continue, and the world waits for their outcome in a strange "no-man's land" of suspense.

Naturally enough—considering their losses in Korea—the American people find themselves in the front line of this suspense front.

Odd's enough, the average American does not seem all that excited about what is going on at Kaesong. Outwardly, at any rate, the average American is so calm that one feels like going up to him and asking him whether or not he knows that there's a war nearly off.

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The Christian Science Monitor and other papers, however, disdained to make a political football out of a war which has cost America more lives than the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, and the Spanish-American war put together.

No paper disagrees with Truman's point that if Korea had happened to Hitler before he grew so strong there might have been no World War II.

Peering behind the headlines, and beyond the first ripples of next year's election campaign, the average American appears to have come to important conclusions about the Kaesong peace talks.

First—he has decided that the talks are no victory, but that they are no defeat either. Certainly—it is the first time America has had to call off a half-won war.

But then the Korean war has been (and still is) a fun-thing like the Berlin blockade—part of a worldwide "war"

which cannot be judged as a war in itself and certainly cannot be given the highlights of a first-class victory or a defeat.

The general feeling is "Thank goodness that the deaths at least seem to be nearly over. Both sides have discovered that there is something of a stalemate, and if this be so, then at least it is time that it was a stalemate without bloodshed."

One thing is certain, however—the hazy optimism of the Roosevelt "We can get on fine with Uncle Joe Stalin" today is gone for ever.

The Russians called in the peace-talk stage in Korea, immediately Americans are certain that the Russians have something up their sleeve. Will it be Iran, Yugoslavia, Burma, or Indo-China? Where will the United Nations have to fight next?

Finally, there will be no slowing down of the gigantic defence programme ever here, which is perhaps the main reason why, even if peace comes to Kaesong, there will be no victory celebrations on this side of the Atlantic.

To American minds, the worldwide battle against Communism is only just beginning.

John Macadam's Column

THE FRENCH CALL IT SWIMMING...

It was disappointing, in the course of a day or two's sweltering chafing along the Cote d'Azur, to find ourselves unable to produce much in the way of sport for your entertainment.

That greatest-ever test of man and machine, the cycling Tour de France by-passed the area by too great a distance, allowing us only to follow it vicariously through the excellent and large local newspapers which cheerfully churn out as many as 30 columns a day on France's real national sport.

We scoured the remaining columns for a sign of tennis. None. Nor of golf, nor boxing, nor wrestling. We put this phenomenon before a new-found friend.

"Surely there is some sport that people here indulge in?" He grimaced and jerked his thumb across the promenade towards the vast beaches—"Swimming."

Even at that, it isn't swimming as swimming. All you do apparently is to take off as much of your normal clothing as a broad-minded gendarmier will permit and then sit on the sand.

Occasionally you might splash in the water for a moment or two, or paddle around in a kind of aquatic bicycle or even toss a ball about.

But if there was any swimming going on it must have been mostly under-water.

YELLOW GADGET

There was one earnest youth who did attract attention as he made his way to the waterside in trunks and carrying a considerable amount of paraphernalia under both arms.

He first pulled a skull-cap on his head and adjusted it at the back. Next he fixed a massive pair of goggles and a pair of frogmen's rubber feet.

This accomplished, he picked up a very pubescent spear and set out to sea. As soon as he found depth he shot off almost

entirely under water except for the little gadget at the back of his head, which was obviously for breathing.

Someone declared that they caught this way with the spear in hand and eyes searching the bottom for fish; but not in our time there.

There was one other sporting activity which has a wide vogue but which we were unlucky enough to see played only on vacant corner lots. This is a form of bowls played with heavy metal bowls about the size of a grapefruit.

THEY THROW

The basic principle of the game is the same as in our bowls—to remove your opponent from a good position and take up one yourself.

Some of the players we watched were uncannily accurate with their throwing—their throw, not bowl—and the way some of them could impart tremendous spin and pick out one bowl from the pack was in Joe Davis tradition.

One of the highlights of the trip was to stroll on to the terrace of one of the splendid Cannes hotels to be greeted by a commanding figure in a brightly flowered beach shirt, shorts and sandals. This was Solomon in all his glory.

Jack, holidaying with his wife, still has to go through lots of the motions that made him a pretty tired man in the Turpin Robinson era.

American interests are gnawing at the Cockell-Maxim proposition, and it is telephone, telephone, all the time—even in Paradise.

(London Express Service)

Argentinians

Requested To

Show 'Culture'

Buenos Aires, July 31.

Walter Muller, a British referee knocked unconscious when attacked by spectators after a match here on Saturday, last night lodged a complaint to the Argentine Football Association.

The Association, which has several British referees on contract, is considering complaints of similar attacks made on them during the previous two weekends.

Muller was attacked after a match in which the home team was beaten by two goals to one. He had a tooth broken.

On July 15 the police's tear-gas squads dispersed hundreds of soccer fans threatening Muller at the end of a match at the Huracan Stadium here.

The trouble began on that occasion when he disallowed a goal by the home team, which lost by two goals to one. The following Saturday the Buenos Aires police appealed to soccer fans to show more "culture" at matches. —Reuter.

Contracts Signed

For Title Fights

New York, July 31.

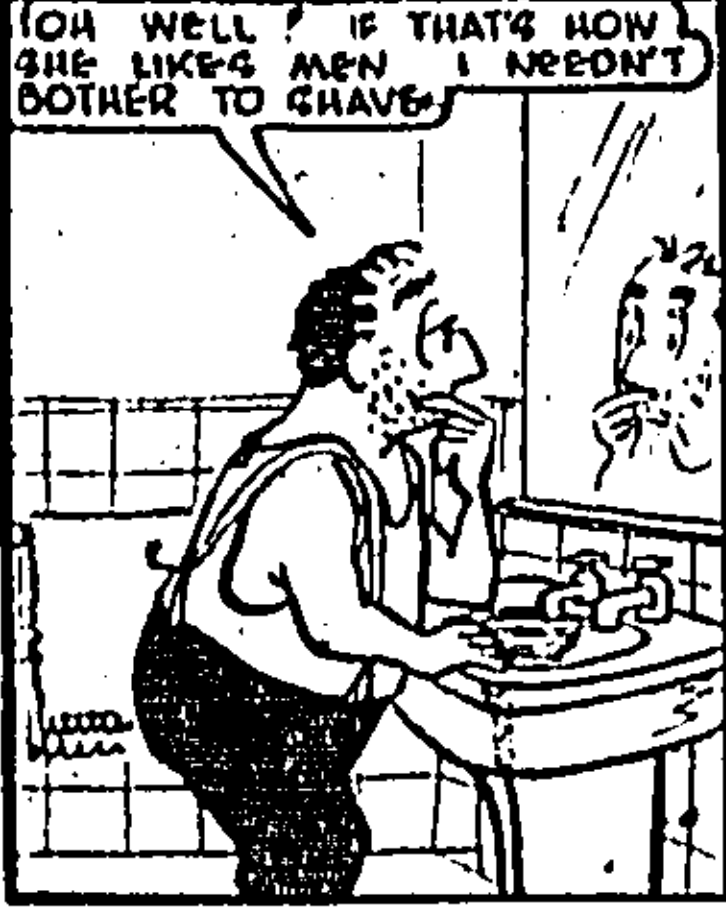
For the first time in the history of the New York State Athletic Commission, contracts for two title fights were signed in their offices today.

Joe Maxim, 22, World Lightweight Boxing Champion, will defend his title against Bob Murphy, of San Diego, California, while Kid Gavilan, the World Welterweight Boxing Champion, fights Billy Graham, of New York.

Neither contract provided for a return bout.

Maxim and Murphy will meet in a 15-round match at Madison Square Garden, New York, on August 22, while Gavilan and Graham will meet over the same distance in the same arena on August 29. —Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



PAUL DEHN Reports On

Sons Of Satan In Satin Plus-Fours

THE wealth of Eastern material contained in *The Prince Who Was A Thief* enables me, this week to publish a few random excerpts from my forthcoming treatise *A Filmgoer's Guide To The Orient*. (All examples quoted from the film).

LANGUAGE: Never address an Oriental by his or her proper name, but use some general substitute-phrase (e.g., "Thou Son of Satan"). And always precede this phrase by the interjection "O."

Examples: To a man Oriental: "O Parrot-Mouth."

To a woman Oriental: "O my Crescent Moon of Morocco."

Always introduce a cliché with the words "It is written." This, my Occidental one, stops it sounding like a cliché.

Example: Not "Seeing is believing" but—"It is written that seeing is believing."

Exercise. Translate into Oriental: (a) Go away. (Answer: "Take yourself with-out.") (b) Tomorrow we leave for Cairo. (Answer: "Tomorrow we depart unto Cairo.") (c) Yes. (Answer: "Aye").

ARCHITECTURE: All Oriental inside-walls are trans-

parent for eavesdropping through. All Oriental outside-walls are either (a) buttresses for skulking behind, or (b) castellated for conveniently throwing ropes round.

INTERIOR DECORATION: All Oriental rooms contain things either for (a) potentates to bang on and summon the guard with, or (b) dandies to slide up to and occasionally dab at. All baths are at the bottom of, and all beds are at the top of, steps.

FASHION NOTES: Female: Skirts are divided for falling apart when constantly lying down in. Male: Soldiers wear Russian boots, satin plus-fours and a hat like a ten-few wrapped round a coffee pot.

CURRENCY: Gold. Flare madly about in dinars. **TIME:** Vague. Reckoned solely in moons. **FOOD:** Monotonous. Consists entirely of coffee (brewed in the soldier's hats).

As for the picture itself, the little sufficiently explains its story. The prince, who became a thief, is played dashing by Mr. Tony Curtis, the thief, who became a princess, partly by Miss Piper Laurie.

You require me to write a reasoned criticism of this delicious nonsense? O sons and daughters of impertinence, IT IS WRITTEN.

OLIVIER FANS ARE IN FOR A SHOCK

Says HAROLD CONWAY

Do you recognise the man in the picture—this weebegone, tie-less, bedraggled tramp on an American side-walk?

Take a second look. That's right, he is our own Sir Laurence Olivier in the dual scene from his Hollywood film, "Carrie."

This is the picture Olivier made with Jennifer Jones as his co-star for a salary of some £40,000. It was a useful way of passing the time while his wife, Vivien Leigh, was earning similar money on her "Streetcar" in a rival studio.

When London sees the film in the autumn Olivier fans are in for a shock.

With a through-going American accent, learned from his friend Spencer Tracy, Olivier transformed himself into a middle-aged businessman who falls in love with a young girl—and ends up as a hobo.

Fine, I'm all for transformation-shocks where our leading actor-manager concerned himself. I don't just mean those false noses. It is good to see Olivier refusing to submerge his acting personality in Sir Laurence, the courtly—and courted—knight.

How—apart from his salary—did Olivier like acting for anyone else, after being his own master for so long? "I welcomed it after five years of directing myself," he says. "I knew it would be good for me to have a change."

Olivier was obstinate about one thing only. Knowing Hollywood's weakness for titles, he stipulated in his contract that the "Sir" is not to be used in any of the film's billing.

THE LEAD—AT 18 Good Luck to 18-year-old Susan Stephen, off to Sicily—and the first film part of her career. Most girls have to start at the bottom in pictures, not so Miss Stephen, opposite Eric Portman in "His Excellency."

Last March she was still a student at a dramatic school. She played just one week in a play at Kew before being picked for this film. Her father, the Governor's daughter, who had looked after him since her mother died when she was a child.

Susan's real-life father is an engineer and a widower. She has kept house for him since her early teens.

MISSING PERSONS BUREAU No Orchids, no party, for Miss Fontaine? It would seem not.

For Robert Taylor, just arrived in London to film Ivanhoe, a welcoming party all right—and everything which went with it.

But where were his two leading ladies, Joan Fontaine and Elizabeth Taylor? "Already hard at work; much too busy for parties," say MGM, their employers, with a certain embarrassment.

Perhaps MGM think their pair of medieval heroines have been getting some inappropriate

private publicity of late? It could be... And I don't suppose young Miss Taylor's engaging admission the other day helped: "No, I haven't read Ivanhoe, but I have read the script."

Still, I call it a shame to which the beautiful and intelligent Miss Fontaine out of sight like that—right into her Elstree fortress. Fortress is the right word, too, for this Ivanhoe castle; they are planning, I hear, to bar visitors for the picture's duration.

DR CHARLOT Twenty-five years ago the name of Andre Charlot was one to conjure with in the West End theatre. As a revue producer, he was Cochran's biggest rival.

In the new Bing Crosby film, which opened in the West End recently, Andre Charlot—69 this month—makes a feeble appearance as a French doctor.

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A la carte meals will be served up to 10 p.m.

This concession is in the nature of a trial, and may be withdrawn at any time without previous notice.

The Jockey Room will close at the usual time, i.e., 8 p.m.

By Order, S. A. SLEEP, Secretary.

Now Helen is one of the country's best known private teachers for young actresses.

Playing the wife of the Provost (Barry Jones) in Betty Box's fast-moving comedy thriller "Appointment With Venus" at Pinewood is Helen Goss, whose nickname is "the star trainer."

Among her pupils have been Ingrid Bergman, Anouk, Edwige Fenech, Kay Kendall, Barbara Murray and Joan Rice. For the foreign artists Helen has concentrated mainly on accent problems.

Helen's dual career of actress and star trainer began during the war. She was appearing in a play with Nancy Price, who asked her if she could spare a few minutes each day to coach a child artist in the production. The child was Sally Ann Howes.

Sugar Ray's Ghost May Yet Haunt Gwrych Castle

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

Randolph Turpin is back at the centuries-old Gwrych Castle quarters where he trained for his staggering world championship victory over Sugar Ray Robinson.

His host and business manager at the castle is Mr Leslie Salts, Birkenhead-born artist, chorister and antiquary.

As becoming a showman, Mr Salts is a publicist. Imagine, then, how he must have felt when he had to surround the champion's camp with a wall of secrecy.

"This was necessary," Mr Salts told me, "because vital information about Randolph's revised punching methods was getting back to Sugar Ray at Windsor. We are taking no chances in the future."

In thousands of homes throughout the country people are displaying photographs of themselves taken with Randolph Turpin. There's money in it, of course, but the film and print take-off isn't the prime purpose of this photographic-cum-Randolph-Turpin business. There's more to it than that. It spells psychology—a factor vital in the Ind's success.

Here's the explanation given to me by Mr Salts. Dynamite Turpin is a quiet chap, beloved by all the staff for his simple tastes, friendliness and unassuming demeanour, which has not changed a scrap since he landed the world crown.

By getting him among the holidaymakers and pointing with them the developed crowd consciousness. This, with the public work-outs and sparring bouts which he treated as the real thing—as his sparring partners will readily testify—complete with trumpet fanfares and the rest, all helped to create the big night atmosphere.

Turpin is a self-disciplinarian. Most trainers have difficulty in getting their charges out of bed in the morning. Turpin, however, is first up and out doing deep breathing exercises on the ramparts overlooking the Irish Sea.

He is also a disciple of personal hygiene, with particular

care for the teeth as No. 1 essential towards physical fitness.

"I should say Randy cleans his teeth at least half a dozen times a day," Mr Salts told me.

NO FOOD FADS Our world champion has no food fads or fancies. He eats simple foods, and, in fact, has similar dishes to holiday-makers who visit the castle, served in the No. 3 restaurant, once the private lounge where the Countess of Desmond awaited the return of her husband, hero of Ladysmith in the South African War.

Incidentally, Randolph is the smallest eater in the camp.

Armchair critics who think Turpin's advisers have acted unwisely to allow him to cross the Atlantic to defend his newly-won title need have no fears. It is well known, and not lost upon the Turpins, that when America loses a world championship in any sport no effort is spared to regain it.

In years to come, who knows, the castle towers may be haunted by the ghost of Sugar Ray Robinson, with his head tucked underneath his arm, for as one of the staff said: "Randolph will most surely knock his block off when they meet again."

Ryder Cup Team Selected

London, July 31.

Eight players were named by the Professional Golfers Association to-day to represent Britain against the United States in the Ryder Cup match at Pinehurst, North Carolina, on November 2 and 4.

They are—Ken Bousfield, Fred Daly, Max Faulkner, Jack Hargreaves, Arthur Lees, John Panton, Dai Rees and Charles Ward.

Two more players will be named immediately after the match play championship at Hoylake in September.

Henry Cotton, captain of the 1947 team, can qualify in this way. He has stated he will be available if chosen.

Only Panton, the Scottish champion, and Hargreaves are new to Ryder Cup Golf.

America has won six and Britain two in the eight matches played since the contest was instituted in 1927. Britain's last success was in 1933.—Reuter.



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By Order of the Board.
G. M. MACWHINNIE,
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Hongkong, 16th July, 1951.

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By Order of the Board.
G. M. MACWHINNIE,
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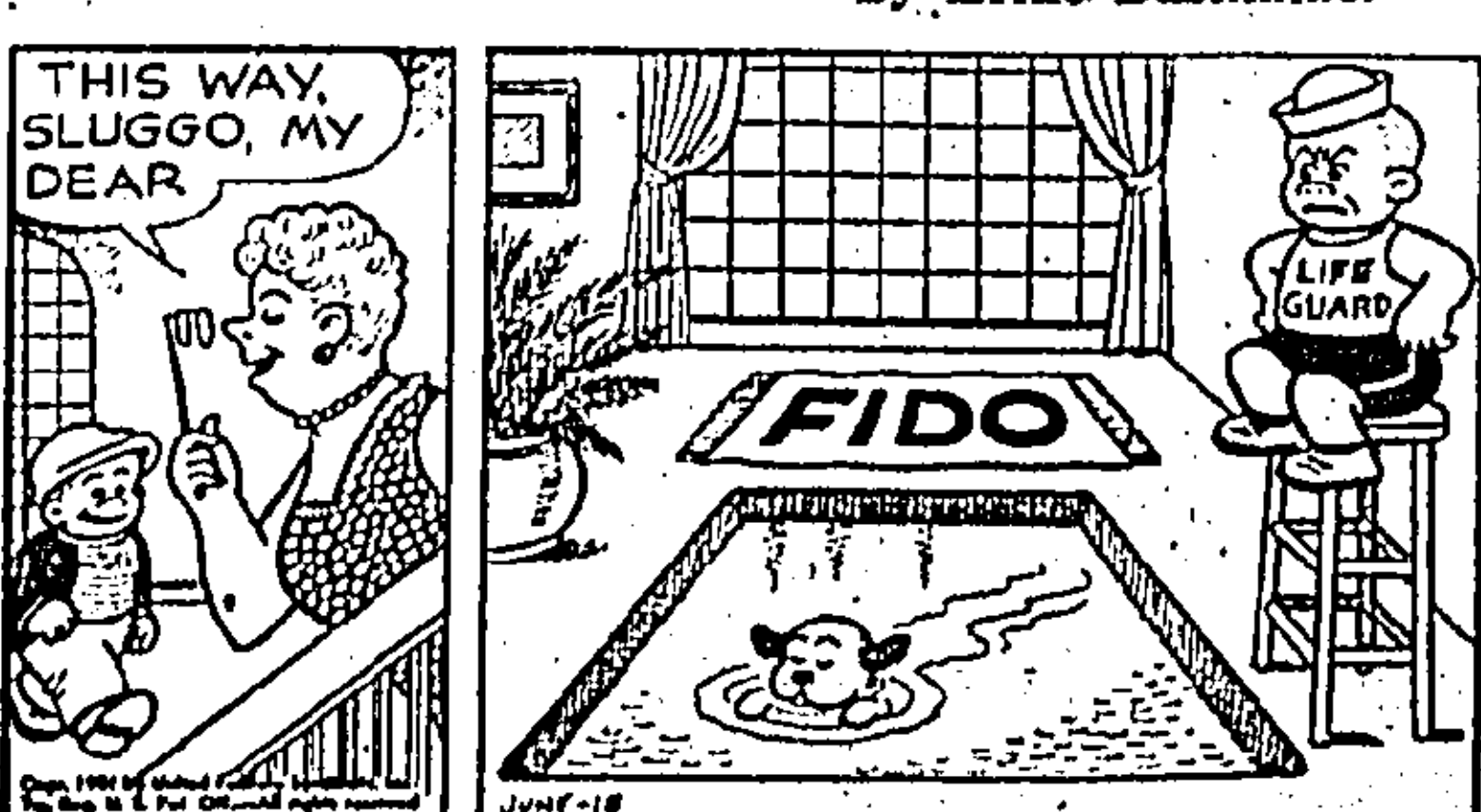


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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.
Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clark, at 10 a.m. 4th August, 1951.
To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 31st August, 1951, will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 15th August, 1951, or they will not be recognized.
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"MEINAM" N. Africa & Europe 26th Sept.

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NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

SAILS: THURSDAY the 2nd August at 5.00 P.M. for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: ALL passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 GATE, CANTON ROAD ENTRANCE BY NOON on Wednesday the 1st August.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place on THURSDAY the 2nd August between 2.30 P.M. and 4.00 P.M.

U.S. Cotton Acreage Largest Since 1937

Washington, July 31. The Department of Agriculture reported today that U.S. farmers had 29,510,000 acres of cotton in cultivation as of July 1—58.5 percent more than a year ago.

This is the largest acreage since 1937.

The Department said that with an estimated stock carry-over of 1,900,000 bales, imports of about 200,000 bales and the assumed production, the total supply during the 1951-52 season would range between 10,200,000 and 20,300,000 bales. This supply would be 96 to 123 percent of the supply of cotton in the United States during 1950-51.

The International Cotton Advisory Committee estimates the world cotton production during 1951-52 at about 35,200,000 bales. This estimate was made in May.

Except for 1937-38, this would be the largest world production on record and is 23 percent higher than 1950-51.

However, the world carry-over stocks will be small—about 10,000,000 bales—and the total world supply was forecast at about 45,900,000 bales. This compares with 44,100,000 bales in 1950-51.

The Agriculture Department also reported that U.S. rayon production during the first quarter of 1951 was 320,200,000 pounds. This was 6.7 percent above the same quarter of 1950 but slightly less than the output during the fourth quarter of 1950.

The rayon industry, according to the Department, is expected to continue its expansion during the coming year and the production of rayon during 1951 will probably be larger than the record 1950 output.

ONTARIO MINE OUTPUT

Toronto, July 31. Ontario's miners hauled nearly \$40,000,000 worth of gold and silver out of the ground in the first six months of this year, the Provincial Mines Department reported today.

The province's 43 predominantly gold mines produced 1,200,000 ounces of gold and 216,000 ounces of silver. The report said the production value was about \$1,000,000 under the same period last year although the total volume was slightly higher.—United Press.

New Export Control In Thailand

Bangkok, July 31. General export control was announced today for tin ore, iron ore, lead and lead ore, antimony, zinc, rubber, castor seeds, castor oil and kapok.

A Royal decree announcing the control stipulated that traders planning to ship the cargoes must apply for a permit from the Ministry of Commerce or the authorities designated by the Ministry.

The control was understood to be aimed at preventing strategic materials from reaching Red China, North Korea and other Communist countries, possibly excepting Yugoslavia. It was further understood that this was Thailand's response to the United Nations resolution on a strategic embargo against Red China and North Korea.—United Press.

TEXTILE MARKET IN EUROPE

Paris, July 31. The withdrawal of a Turkish reservation over flax has cleared the way for the creation of a European free market for textiles and a wide range of goods, including chemical products, hides, tobacco and flax on the "common list."

Turkey announced the withdrawal at a meeting of the deputies of the 18-nation Governing Council of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation here today.

Flax did not appear on the list adopted.

Several countries, notably France, opposed the inclusion of flax on the ground that this competition would hurt the French market.

All decisions taken by the OEEC are on a unanimous basis. Turkey had until today the suggested deadline for dropping trade barriers in the commodities concerned to withdraw a veto on the adoption of the free list.

"This is an important decision because it will permit the creation of a free European market for textiles, textile machinery as well as machinery and farm products," an OEEC official said.

"The list does not cover the whole range of inter-European commerce. The Council decided today that additions to this free list should be submitted before October 31," the official added.—Reuter.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, July 31. Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel.
Spot 2.30 1/4
September 2.30 1/4
December 2.30 1/4
March (1952) 2.42 1/4
May 2.41 1/4

Corn
Spot 1.76
September 1.71 1/4
December 1.64 1/4
March (1952) 1.64 1/4
May 1.60 1/4

Oats
Spot 1.68 asked
September 1.70 1/4
Oats
Spot 77 1/2
September 80 1/4
New York four—per 200 lb. sack, 81.25.—United Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, July 31. World sugar futures closed today 12 cents lower, with gains totaling 127 contracts.

Contract No. 6 closed 2 to 7 points lower, with gains totaling 231 contracts.

Prices closed as follows:—
Contract No. 4 (world) 5.22 bid
January (1952) 5.23 nominal
March 5.24 traded
May 5.24 nominal
July 5.24 nominal
September 5.23 nominal
Spot 5.23

LONDON TIN WEAKNESS

London, July 31. The tin market was weak and quiet. Turnover was 45 tons, including 25 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—
Spot tin buyers 125 1/2
Spot tin sellers 125 1/2
Three-month tin buyers 125 1/2
Three-month tin sellers 125 1/2
Settlement 125 1/2.—United Press.

GOOD NEWS FOR U.S. CONSUMERS OF COPPER

New York, July 31. Copper consumers, hard-pressed for supplies, have been given two items of good news.

1—Price stabilizing crashed the ceiling price of foreign copper refined in this country by three cents a pound to 27 1/2 cents. This released an estimated 15,000 tons of copper which had been tied up in custom smelters because of a pricing tangle, and should encourage copper imports.

The ceiling of 24-1/2 cents on domestic copper was not affected.

2—The Wage Stabilization Board asked both management and the United Steelworkers Union to resume much-needed production at the big Carnegie, Utah, copper refinery of American Smelting and Refining Company, pending a Board study of wage issues in a four-week old strike there. The initial response from both sides to this request appeared favorable.

Both of these developments are important in view of the urgent military and civilian demand for copper. Meanwhile, August allocation certificates for copper under the controlled materials plan began reaching producers in large volume.

The brass mills, wire mills and foundries shipped products containing 129,293 tons of new refined copper in June, compared with 121,371 tons in May. New orders booked by the makers of copper goods in June called for use of 135,695 tons of new copper, compared with 131,530 tons needed for orders booked in May.

RUMOURS DENIED

The Government's Reconstruction Finance Corporation announced an agreement had been reached granting Bolivian tin producers \$1.12 cents a pound because of adverse mining conditions in that country.

But RFC Administrator W. Stuart Symington told news men there is no basis for rumours that other foreign producers might get a good price in future contracts with the U.S. The RFC's own selling price in this country held unchanged at \$1.06.

Other price developments: Quicksilver dropped \$2 to \$5-a ton (78 pounds) to a new range of \$205 to \$210 in a market which has been dragging for months after heavy buying early this year.

Shippers of India manganese ore boosted prices about 7 cents a long ton unit (22.4 pounds) to \$1.18 to \$1.22 as the fast pace of steel-making operations maintained exceptional demand.

LATEST PRICES

Major metal prices: Copper 24.50 cents a pound delivered. Foreign 27.50 cents New York.

Lead 17 cents a pound New York, 16.80 cents St. Louis. Foreign 21.50 to 22.25 cents nominal Gulf of Mexico ports. Zinc 17.50 cents a pound East St. Louis, 16.25 cents New York. Foreign 29 to 31 cents nominal Gulf of Mexico ports. Aluminium 19 cents a pound, ingots, shipping point.

Pigs 18 cents.

Antimony 45.30 cents a pound cased (less than carload lots) New York. Bulk 42 cents carload. Laredo, Texas, 50 cents Casado, Laredo.

Manganese ore contracts 79.8-81.8 cents a long ton unit (22.4 pounds) nominal CIF U.S. ports (duty for buyers' account).

India ore 1.18-1.22 nominal. Ferro-manganese \$185 a gross ton, shipping point.

Nickel 57.5 cents a pound, electrolytic cathodes Port Colombia, Ontario, U.S. duty included.

Platinum \$90 an ounce wholesale, \$9 retail, New York. Silver 90.16 cents an ounce New York, 78.5 pence London.

Tin \$1.06 a pound, New York. Quicksilver \$205-\$210 a flag. New York Tugsten ore \$65 a ton unit, ceiling price.—Associated Press.

Price Of Wool Clothing

New York, July 31. Reports by Government Agencies that wool clothing will be affected more adversely by the rising prices than apparel made of other fibres have no foundation in fact, the Wool Bureau declared today.

The Bureau said many clothing manufacturers have already announced modification or elimination of price increases in wool apparel for the Autumn.

Fine wool was selling on the Boston market in March for about \$3.75 a pound. Today it is priced at about \$2.15 to \$2.20 a pound, about 20 percent above the pre-Korean level.

The Bureau points out that the fibre content of a man's wool suit retailing in the \$65 range accounts for only an average of 13 percent of the amount of the price tag. The remainder represents the labour in the manufacture of the fabric and the garment plus the cost of distribution.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$275,169. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSK Bank KD 1460 1470 500 @ 100

HSK Land 100 500 @ 100

INSURANCES

Union 750 20 @ 750

HK Fire 135

DOCKS, ETC.

N. P. Wharf 4.90 81 1000 @ 4.90

Providence 11 11 1/2

Wheelock 24 1/2 25 1/2

LAND, ETC.

HSK Hotel 4.85 4.95

HSK Land 1.10 1.25

UTILITIES

Tram 13.30 13.75 3100 @ 13 1/4

Star Ferry 70 80 1200 @ 7

C. Light (N) 4.30 4.40 200 @ 4.35

C. Light (D) 6.00 6.50 420 @ 6.30

Electric 27 27 1/2 100 @ 27 1/2

Telephone 11 1/2 12 100 @ 11 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 11.10 11.40 1500 @ 11.20

Rope 14 1/2 14 1/2 500 @ 14 1/2

STORES, ETC.

Dairy 14 1/2 14 1/2 200 @ 14

Watson 10 1/2 10 200 @ 10

COTTONS

Exo XQ 2.10

—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

London, July 31.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, 44 1/2-45

in cents per lb. 44 1/2-45

October 40 1/2-41

November 39 1/2-40

December 38 1/2-39

January/February 37 1/2-38 1/2

March/April 36 1/2-37 1/2 nominal

—United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, July 31.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, 141-141 1/2

per lb. August 136-137

September 136-136

October 136-136

Number 2 rubber, 129-129 1/2

August 129-129 1/2

September 129-129 1/2

October 129-129 1/2

Spot rubber, 141-141 1/2

unbanded 141-141 1/2

Black crepe 141-141 1/2

No 1 pale crepe 141-141 1/2

—United Press.

WALL STREET SLUMPS

New York, July 31. Stock prices retreated in the most severe break since the end of June but the volume was only moderate at 1,550,000 shares.

Dealers attributed the decline to profit-taking, which knocked most of the recent gains down a point or two.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—

30 Industrials 237.24

20 rails 80.54

15 utilities 42.8

40 bonds 117.47

—United Press.

Japanese Bonds

London, July 31.

Japanese bonds (1000) 9 1/2

10 1/2 of 1950 24 1/2

10 1/2 of 1951 24 1/2

10 1/2 of 1952 24 1/2

10 1/2 of 1953 24 1/2

—United Press.

New York, July 31. The black pepper market is usually ruled about unchanged in a very quiet trade. Dealers indicated spot sellers offering pepper at around \$1.80 a pound.—United Press.

NY Cotton In A New Decline

New York, July 31. Cotton futures backed down after a steady start as hedge selling and local trade and commission house liquidation met only scale-down support.

Many traders held to the sidelines, awaiting developments on the crop situation and the Korean peace negotiations.

Prices closed as follows:—
Spot 34.75
October 34.75-34.76
December 34.65
March (1952) 34.65
May 34.65
July 34.65
October 34.65 nominal
December 34.65 nominal

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot 35.35

October 34.50-34.54

December 34.65

March (1952) 34.65

May 34.65 bid

July 34.65

October 34.65

December 34.65

—United Press.

Plan For Increased Oil Output

Washington, July 31.

A United States official told the United Press today that the Justice Department has given approval in principle to immediate considerable increases of overseas oil production of 10 United States oil companies to prevent an oil shortage.

An announcement is expected within 48 hours of plans for the oil companies to step up production, possibly as much as 20 per cent.

The official pointed out that the plans are being finalised at a time when the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Averell Harriman, is trying to get an Iranian-British agreement for continued working of the Abadan oil refinery.

The Justice Department has had to give approval to the oil companies' plan because of the United States anti-trust law. It was believed that an official agreement of the Department will follow shortly on its agreement in principle. The next step would be for the companies to draw up a distribution plan.

The pooling of tankers owned by these companies will enable oil to be transported—United Press.

Britain As Chairman Of Wheat Council

London, July 31.

Mr F. S. Anderman (Britain) was today re-elected chairman of the Council and Executive Committee of the International Wheat Agreement, according to a usually reliable source here.

Mr Edwin McCarthy (Australia) was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The re-elections are for the Wheat Agreement year 1951-52.

The appointment of the Secretary and other officers was left to the Executive Committee of the International Wheat Agreement, the source said.

The elections took place at today's meeting of the International Wheat Council.

The Council began its secret two-day session here yesterday to discuss the crucial controversy over carrying charge of six cents of bushel which Canada and the United States have decided to add to the maximum price for wheat laid down under the International Wheat Agreement.

Britain holds that the charge is unjustified.

After this afternoon's meeting ended without a decision, the Council agreed to meet again tonight.—Reuter.

New York, July 31.

The Federal Reserve Board's industrial production index for June was 222.—United Press.

R. I. L. ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

ARRIVALS

Date	Ship	From
1st Aug.	"TIJWANG"	Macassar & Java Ports
3rd Aug.	"VAN HEURZ"	Japan
3rd Aug.	"BOISBEVAIN"	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore, Saigon & Manila
8th Aug.	"TIJADANE"	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore & Manila
14th Aug.	"TIJALENGKA"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
17th Aug.	"TABMAN"	Japan
22nd Aug.	"TIJADANE"	S. Africa, Mauritius & Singapore
24th Aug.	"BOISBEVAIN"	Japan

SAILINGS

Date	Ship	To
4th Aug.	"TIJWANG"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar

